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5150	1/11/50	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
51	1/11/50	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5152	1/11/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5153	1/11/50	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
5154	1/11/50	Boston letter to Director	1	yes	
5155	1/12/50	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
5156	1/12/50	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5157	1/12/50	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5158	1/11/50	Letter to Special Agent in Charge, New York from C. Palmer	2	no	released in full
5159	1/13/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5160	1/13/50	New York teletype to Bureau	9	yes	
5161	1/13/50	New York teletype to Bureau	7	yes	

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5162	1/16/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Granville	1	no	released in full
5163	1/16/50	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5164	1/16/50	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	2	yes	
5165	1/17/50	Baltimore teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
5166	1/12/50	Houston report of Special Agent Hopper	7	yes	
5167	1/16/50	New York teletype to Bureau	4	yes	
5168	1/16/50	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5169	1/17/50	FD-302 of August Claessens	2	no	released in full
5170	1/10/50	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Portland	1	yes	
5171	1/17/50	Memo to file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Belmont	1	no	released in full
5172	1/17/50	Memo to file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge Belmont	1	no	released in full
5173	1/4/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Muldoon	1	no	released in full

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5174	1/17/50	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
5175	1/17/50	New York teletype to Bureau	5	yes	
5176	1/17/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5177	1/17/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5178	1/10/50	New York report of Special Agent Collins	5	yes	
5179	1/18/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5180	1/19/50	New York teletype to Bureau	6	yes	
5181	1/19/50	New York teletype to Bureau	14	yes	
5182	11/17/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Barloga	2	no	released in full
5183	12/26/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5184	12/27/49	Memo to file by Special Agent Spillane	1	no	released in full
5185	11/21/49	Letter to Professor Heilman from Cowley	2	yes	

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5186	12/15/49	Letter to Washington	3	yes	
5187	12/19/49	Letter to Director from Special Agent in Charge, Seattle about 5185-5186	1	yes	
5188	12/29/49	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
5189	12/30/49	Memo to file from Special Agent Blount	1	no	released in full
5190	1/5/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5191	1/5/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5192	1/5/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5193	1/5/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5194	1/5/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Minogue	1	no	released in full
5195	1/19/50	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5196	1/20/50	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
5197	1/20/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full

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5198	1/20/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5199	1/21/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5200	1/23/50	Memo to file by Special Agent in Charge, Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5201	1/20/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5202	1/19/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5203	1/20/50	Los Angeles teletype to Bureau, New York	3	yes	
5204	1/23/50	Letter on letterhead to Donegan from Hoover	1	yes	
5205	1/23/50	Letter on letterhead to Saypol from Hoover	1	yes	
5206	1/25/50	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
5207	1/24/50	Letter on letterhead to Ryan from Hoover	1	yes	
5208	1/23/50	Letter on letterhead to Murphy from Hoover	1	yes	
5209	1/24/50	Bureau teletype to Los Angeles	1	yes	

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5210	1/23/50	Memo to file about trial see 5196	2	yes	
5211	1/27/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5212	1/23/50	Photostat of 5205	1	yes	
5213	1/26/50	Letter to Hoover from Saypol	1	yes	
5214	1/26/50	Teletype to Hiss from Gilbert	1	yes	
5215	1/26/50	Letter to Los Angeles from New York	1	no	released in full
5216	1/30/50	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
5217	1/26/50	Memo to file by Special Agent McAndrews	1	no	released in full
5218	1/27/50	Letter on letterhead from Scheidt to Ryan	1	no	released in full
5219	1/27/50	Letter on letterhead from Scheidt to Saypol	1	no	released in full
5220	1/27/50	Letter on letterhead from Scheidt to McCarran	1	no	released in full
5221	1/27/50	Letter on letterhead from Scheidt to Donegan	1	no	released in full

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5222	1/27/50	Letter from Scheidt to Murphy	1	no	released in full
5223	1/24/50	Baltimore Morning Sun article	1	no	released in full
5224	1/25/50	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
5225	1/27/50	Article from Counterattack	4	no	released in full
5226	1/25/50	Letter to Mundt from Hoover	1	yes	
5227	1/31/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5228	2/1/50	Memo to file by Special Agent in Charge, Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5229	1/31/50	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
5230	10/4/49	Article from Boston Globe	1	yes	
5231	10/4/49	Boston letter to Director	1	yes	
5232	11/19/49	Baltimore letter to Director	3	yes	
5233	11/27/49	Article from Baltimore Sun	3	yes	

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5234	11/29/49	Baltimore letter to Director	1	yes	
5235	1/6/50	Washington Field Office letter to New York	1	no	released in full
5236	1/31/50	Baltimore report of Special Agent Johnstone	20	yes	
5237	1/31/50	Letter to Donegan from Hoover	1	yes	
5238	1/26/50	Letter from Chambers to Special Agent Spencer	3	yes	
5239	2/3/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5240	1/30/50	Philadelphia report of Special Agent Flaherty	10	yes	
5241	2/3/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5242	2/3/50	New York letter to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
5243	2/3/50	New York teletype to Bureau, San Francisco Los Angeles	1	yes	
5244	10/4/49	Article from Bennington Banner	1	no	released in full
5245	10/5/49	Article from Burlington Free Press	1	no	released in full

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5246	10/5/49	Article from Boston Herald	1	no	released in full
5247	2/3/50	Letter to Scheidt from Donegan	1	no	released in full
5248	12/19/49	Teletype from Long to Murphy	1	no	released in full
5249	2/7/50	Memo to File from Special Agent Spencer	1	no	released in full
5250	2/2/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5251	2/6/50	Letter to Scheidt from Murphy	1	no	released in full
5252	2/8/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5253	2/1/50	New York teletype to Charlotte, Bureau	2	yes	
5254	2/8/50	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
5255	1/26/50	Letter to Baltimore from Director	7	yes	
5256	2/10/50	New York teletype to Director	1	yes	
5256A	2/9/50	Birmingham report of Special Agent Pugh	10	yes	

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5257	2/9/50	New York parole report of Special Agent Spencer	8	yes	
5258	2/9/50	New York report of Special Agent Spencer	5	yes	
5259	2/13/50	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
5260	2/14/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5261	2/10/50	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	
5262	2/13/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5263	2/15/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5264	2/15/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5265	2/15/50	New Haven letter to New York	1	no	(see attached)
5266	2/16/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5267	2/16/50	New York teletype to New Haven	1	no	released in full
5268	2/17/50	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles, San Francisco	1	yes	

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5269	2/17/50	New York letter to Washington Field Office	1	no	released in full
5270	2/17/50	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
5271	2/15/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5272	2/19/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Marchessaut	1	no	released in full
5273	2/21/50	Memo to file from Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
5274	2/21/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5275	2/23/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5276	2/23/50	New York letter to Baltimore	1	no	released in full
5277	2/21/50	Memo to file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Belmont	1	no	released in full
5278	2/27/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5279	2/27/50	Washington Field Office report of Special Agent Zander	1	yes	
5280	2/24/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Granville	1	no	released in full

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5280A	2/17/50	Letter to Tuohy from Bullitt	2	no	released in full
5281	3/16/50	Transfer sheet	1	yes	
5282	2/29/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5283	3/2/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5284	3/1/50	Letter to New York from Bureau	1	yes	
5285	3/3/50	New York report of Special Agent Blount	2	yes	
5286	3/6/50	Letter to Director from Boston	1	yes	
5287	3/7/50	Letter to Bullitt from Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5288	3/1/50	Bureau letter to New York	1	yes	
5289	3/3/50	Letter to Tuohy from Bullitt	2	no	released in full
5290	3/3/50	Letter to Tuohy from Bullitt	2	no	released in full
5291	3/9/50	Letter to Director from New York	1	yes	

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5292	3/9/50	Baltimore letter to Director	3	yes	
5293	3/13/50	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
5294	3/13/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5295	3/15/50	Letter to New York from Director	1	yes	
5296	3/13/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5297	3/15/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5298	3/17/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Spencer	2	no	released in full
5299	3/17/50	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
5300	3/16/50	Bureau lab letter to Los Angeles	2	yes	
5301	3/11/50	Chambers letter to Spencer	1	no	released in full
5302	3/16/50	Letter to Bullitt from Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5303	3/15/50	Philadelphia letter to Director	1	yes	

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5304	3/20/50	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
5305	3/21/50	New York letter to San Francisco	1	no	released in full
5306	3/21/50	New York letter to Los Angeles	1	no	released in full
5307	3/13/50	Baltimore letter to Director	2	yes	
5308	3/15/50	Letter to Scheidt from Bullitt	1	no	released in full
5309	3/22/50	Letter to Bullitt from Scheidt	1	no	released in full
5310	3/24/50	Memo to file from Special Agent Tuohy	1	no	released in full
5311	3/6/50	Letter to Editor New York Time magazine from E. Heffron	2	no	released in full
5312	3/22/50	Memo to file by Assistant Special Agent in Charge, Whelan	2	no	released in full
5313	3/28/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Martin	3	no	released in full
5314	4/5/50	Memo to file by Special Agent Mullins	2	no	released in full
5315	3/27/50	Letter to Hoover from Donegan	2	yes	

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	5265	Letter to SAC, NH to SAC, NY 2/15/50	1	1 Name and identifying information of a confidential source	(b) (7) (D)	

CASIMIR P. PALMER  
140 West 105th Street  
New York 25, N.Y.

January 11, 1950

Mr. Edward Scheidt,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
607 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York 7, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Scheidt:

I see by the papers that Henrikas Rabinavicius (Lithuanian for Henry Rabinovitch), former Secretary of the Lithuanian Legation in London, had appeared as a witness in the Alger Hiss perjury trial in New York.

I have known Henrikas Rabinavicius since 1920 when he was appointed Secretary to the Lithuanian Legation in London and when Count Alfred Tyszkiewicz served as chargé d'Affaires. Soon after his appointment Rabinavicius began his intrigue against his chief by reporting to his government the alleged misconduct in office, to wit: the Count's alleged ties with the Polish government; and because he was an aristocrat and not particularly friendly to the Jews.

Since then Rabinavicius served as Secretary to the Lithuanian Legation in Washington and later as counsellor of the Lithuanian Legation in Moscow. His last post was in London. When the Legation was informed of Lithuania's seizure by the Soviets Henrikas Rabinavicius it is alleged packed up his belongings and the sum of £300 from the Legation's cash box and disappeared. Soon after he and his wife arrived here in New York and several years later Henrikas Rabinavicius became an American citizen.

Upon my return from Lithuania in 1920 where I was in charge of the Security Department, I called at the Lithuanian Legation and there saw Mr. Childs who acted as treasurer of the Legation. Some time later Mr. Childs told me that he had been dismissed from his post by Rabinavicius after he had obtained from him a "loan" of £50 under false pretences. My article with the reproduction of the promissory note given to Childs by Rabinavicius appeared either in 1922 or in 1923 in *Tevynė*, organ of the Lithuanian Alliance of America, 307 West 39th Street, New York 1, N.Y.

Late in the summer of 1946 a Miss Turin, an investigator for the Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, called here for information concerning Hermina Rabinovitch, under suspicion by the Canadian government as being a Soviet spy. I heard of Hermina Rabinovitch but personally I knew nothing about her activities. I referred Miss Turin to Henrikas Rabinavicius who I understood was in some way related to Hermina. My information was to the effect that while Hermina was studying in Moscow Henrikas Rabinavicius then

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counsellor of the Lithuanian Legation in Moscow, had helped Hermina Rabinovitch financially to go on with her studies. My information is that Henrikas Rabinavicius has still many acquaintances among the Soviet diplomats here and that he is furnishing Isaac Don Levine with material concerning the goings on in Soviet Russia. I understand that most of his editorials in the Plain Talk are based on information obtained from Henrikas Rabinavicius.

I thought I'd bring this to your attention.

Very truly yours,

  
Casimir P. Palmer

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

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MEMO

January 16, 1950

RE: JAHAM

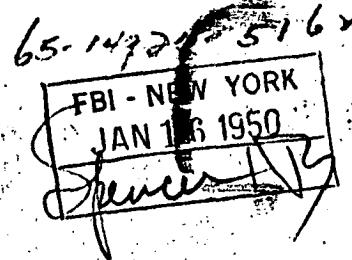
I called Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau at 2:45 pm today and advised him that AUSA Murphy had requested that we serve a subpoena on AUGUST CLAESSENS, 7 East 15 Street, New York City, who is connected with the SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC FEDERATION. I advised Mr. Fletcher that CLAESSENS has custody of PRISCILLA HISS' Socialist Party card and Murphy wants to serve a subpoena on him/order that he can appear as a government witness in this case on rebuttal tomorrow am. I said that CLAESSENS had just returned from Florida and Murphy was anxious that this subpoena be served promptly. Accordingly, he was requesting the Bureau to serve it instead of the United States Marshal.

Mr. Fletcher stated that unless he called back by 3:00 pm, we should proceed with the service. He did not call back.

R. R. GRANVILLE  
Supervisor

RRG:CTC  
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*Subpoena Served  
by [unclear]  
by [unclear]*



MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. COLLIER  
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NY 1 FROM BALTIMORE 1-17-50 6-48 AM GBG  
SAC NEW YORK IMMEDIATE ATTENTION .....

JAHAM. REBATEL YESTERDAY CONCERNING ARRIVAL OF EDITH MURRAY AT NYC TODAY TO TESTIFY IN SECOND HISS TRIAL. TRAIN SCHEDULES SLIGHTLY CHANGED DUE TO COAL SHORTAGE. EDITH DEPARTED BALTIMORE FIVE FIFTY EIGHT AM TODAY ABOARD PENNA. RR TRAIN ONE TWELVE AND SHOULD ARRIVE PENNA. STATION, NYC ABOUT NINE THIRTY AM. ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE TRAIN LEFT BALTIMORE TWELVE MINUTES LATE. SHE IS RIDING IN FIFTH COACH FROM HEAD END OF TRAIN, SEABOARD COACH, IMPERIAL SALON, NUMBER EIGHT FOUR SEVEN, AND WILL EXPECT TO MEET NY AGENTS ON PLATFORM. HAS GRIEB STATEMENT IN HER POSSESSION FOR SA THOMAS G. SPENCER.

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Spencer [Signature]

New York, New York  
January 17, 1950

Re: ALGER HISS

AUGUST CLAESSENS, Executive Director, Social Democratic Federation, 7 East 15th Street, New York City, was interviewed by SA Lawrence W. Spillane on January 16, 1950. CLAESSENS stated that he was the Secretary of the Socialist Party since about 1937 and he has been a member of the Socialist Party since 1927. He stated that in 1932 he was an organizer of the Socialist Party and as such he kept in touch with all of the branches of the Party. He stated that his contacts with the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party were limited inasmuch as he considered this branch a troublesome branch. He recalled that DONALD HENDERSON was one of the leaders of this branch; that HENDERSON was a candidate for Congress on the Socialist Party ticket as a representative from the 19th District. He recalled that MARGARET LAMONT, whom he believes to be the wife of CORLISS LAMONT, was an active member of the Morningside Branch.

He stated that in his opinion this branch was most active in attempting to split the Socialist Party and maneuver the individual members and the branches into the Communist Party. For this reason he had limited contacts with this branch due to the variance of the attitudes and political opinions.

He stated that the split in the Socialist Party came to a head in 1934 with the Detroit referendum under NORMAN THOMAS. He recalled that this referendum referred to the United States Government as a bourgeois democracy; it threatened that in the event of war the Socialist Party would oppose the U. S. Government. Another phrase was placed in this referendum which was couched in careful phrasing that meant to him that they intended to set up a dictatorship of the proletariat in a workers' party. He stated that this referendum caused a break in the Socialist Party. He recalled that the Morningside Branch was the leader and a spearhead in favor of the Detroit referendum and they fought vigorously for its passage.

He stated that he never met PRISCILLA HISS. He recalled that the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party had a meeting place on 125th Street above a store which was located near Manhattan Avenue, New York City. He recalled that in about 1932 many of the branches had a division called

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"American Relief" and that they gathered clothing and food for the miners who were on a strike and lockout. He also recalled that many of the branches had commissars for the poverty stricken people and that this division was called "Woman's Committee." He stated that in 1932 a person who intended to become a member of the Socialist Party would apply at one of the local branches and fill out an application blank which would be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Socialist Party, 7 East 15th Street, New York City, and if no one on the Executive Committee had any objection to the membership of this individual, the individual was admitted to membership. The application card would then go into the files of the Socialist Party in chronological order and a red membership card would be forwarded to the individual who filed the application. He stated that for their own convenience they made out an alphabetical file which included the names of all of the members of the Socialist Party which file was in addition to the application cards. He stated that the alphabetical cards as well as the application cards of the members of the Socialist Party have been maintained since sometime prior to 1932 at 7 East 15th Street, New York City. He believes that all of the former members of the Socialist Party are listed in his alphabetical file.

He stated that the application card file was maintained at 7 East 15th Street, New York City, but at the present time he is unable to locate the application cards filed by applicants to the Socialist Party which were dated prior to 1935. He stated that the Socialist Party cards have been maintained at 7 East 15th Street, New York City, since the inception of the Socialist Party but that the physical location of these cards has varied through the years within that building.

JULIUS GERBER, 979 Hegeman Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and HENRY FRUCHTER, 260 Riverside Drive, New York City, who were former secretaries of the Socialist Party, were contacted and they advised that they had no knowledge as to the whereabouts of the application cards for membership in the Socialist Party which were dated prior to 1935.

On January 16, 1950, at 3:50 P.M., a subpoena was served on AUGUST CLAESSENS at 7 East 15th Street, New York City, ordering him to report to the U. S. Court House on January 17, 1950, at 10:00 A.M. in regard to the case of ALGER HISS.

Lawrence W. Spillane (SA)  
Addendum - Socialist Party application card (blank) attached.  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

January 17, 1950

**MEMO**

RE: JAHAM

While speaking to Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau on the afternoon of January 16, I called his attention to an editorial appearing in the January 16th issue of the New York "Daily News" relative to the appearance of Dr. CARL BINGER as a defense witness in the HISS trial, and his cross-examination by AUSA Murphy.

A copy of the above-mentioned editorial is attached hereto.

A. H. BELMONT  
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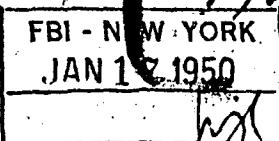
RE: JAHAM

On the evening of January 16, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that, in connection with the testimony of Special Agents Courtland Jones and Connors of the Washington Field Office with reference to the allegation of the CATLETTS that the agents offered to buy drinks for them, the defense requested that the FBI reports be made available to them. The court stated that it would review the reports, and after doing so stated there was nothing different in the reports than in the testimony of the agents and therefore refused access to the defense counsel.

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New York 7, New York

MEMO

January 4, 1950

RE: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
ALGER HISS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

At 9:30 A.M. this morning the writer was telephonically recontacted by DR. ALBERT A. GROSS, who is the Executive Secretary of the George M. Henry Foundation, 184 Eldridge St., New York, N. Y., who is a Ph.D working with homosexuals who are sent to him by social agencies, members of the clergy and Special Sessions Court of New York State. It should be pointed out that Dr. GROSS has been contacted on numerous occasions by the writer and other Agents of this office and while he has been extremely cooperative at all times his information has occasionally been found to be unreliable.

He advised the writer that late yesterday afternoon he had been contacted by one of his patients, whose name he preferred not to mention and whom he did not consider too reliable. This patient had advised Dr. GROSS that inquiries had been made of him by representatives of the ALGER HISS defense counsel requesting that he attempt to uncover any information concerning possible homo-sexuality on the part of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

M. NOGUE  
THOMAS J. MULDOON  
SA

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advised T. Murphy & O'Donovan  
of above. Murphy wants no  
further investigation on this at  
this time. -Chambers

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New York, N. Y.  
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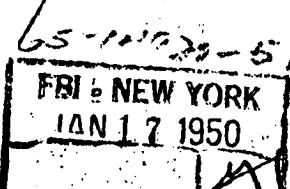
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RE: JAHAM

At 4:10 PM today, I advised Leo Laughlin at the Bureau that the Government had rested its case and the defense after calling one rebuttal witness had rested also at 4 PM; that the Judge adjourned the trial until Thursday morning at 10 AM. He advised the Jury that he hoped the case would go to the Jury Friday afternoon.

A. J. TUOHY  
SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

November 7, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM  
PERJURY  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference memo T. G. SPENCER, SA October 28, 1949 (serial 4712) which concerns a letter AUSA MURPHY received from JACK BEALL, and requests that testimony of JOHN E. PEURIFOY before HCUA be checked and a memo be written concerning this testimony, for MR. MURPHY'S information.

A review of our files indicates we do not have a transcript of this testimony.

The "New York Herald Tribune" on December 8, 1948 had an article by BERT ANDREWS dated December 7, 1948 at Washington, D. C. which described in detail PEURIFOY'S testimony before HCUA on December 7, 1948. It indicated that he examined three of the memos in HISS' handwriting and said that anyone who even prepared such memos violated "all the security regulations of the Department." PEURIFOY is assistant Secretary of State in Charge of Administration. Asked if he would assume it would have been done for some "ulterior motive" he replied, "I think that is right, sir."

The following is quoted from the article:

"The following is from the official transcript this afternoon, with MR. PEURIFOY as the witness and Representative F. E. HEBERT, of Louisiana as questioner:

MR. HEBERT      "MR. PEURIFOY, the documents you have just read and the photostatic copies of handwriting you saw, would you say, in your judgment, that the individual who did make that memoranda in his own handwriting would be doing so for some purpose other than his official activities as a member

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of the Department of State? Would there be any reason for an individual to make a memoranda, such as you have looked at, in his own writing?"

MR. PEURIFOY: "No sir, not in my judgment."

MR. HEBERT: "There wouldn't be?"

MR. PEURIFOY: "No sir."

MR. HEBERT: "Then if an individual did in your judgment make such memoranda in his own handwriting, you would have to assume he did so from some ulterior motive?"

MR. PEURIFOY: "I think that is right sir."

MR. STRIPLING: "Was it improper or unlawful for anyone to remove (the handwritten documents) from the Department?"

MR. PEURIFOY: "I would regard anyone making notes on what I have seen and taking it out of the Department as violating certainly all of the security regulations of the State Department."

ROY J. BARLOGA, SA

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TO: Memo No. 1

FROM: S.A. THOMAS G. SPENCER

SUBJECT: United States v. Alger Hiss

DATE: 12/26/49

On December 22nd, S.A. Larry Spillane obtained a 3 x 5 card indicating membership of Priscilla Hiss in the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party.

Mr. Murphy has requested that we obtain the name of the individual who has custody of these cards and also determine, from this person, whether he knows if these are actually part of the files of the Socialist Party, and just what he can testify in connection with the card of Priscilla Hiss and others in a similar matter. Mr. Murphy indicates that, subsequent to obtaining this information, he would decide whether this person can be used as a rebuttal witness.

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United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

December 27, 1949

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

Re memorandum SA T. G. Spencer, 12-26-49, relative to a 3 X 5 card indicating membership of PRISCILLA HISS in the Morningside Branch of the Socialist Party.

An inquiry was conducted at the Social Democratic Federation, 7 East 15th Street, New York City, and information was obtained that AUGUST CLAESSENS, the Executive Director, is presently on vacation at Miami, Florida, and it is believed that he will return to New York City on or about January 16, 1949. It was ascertained that CLAESSENS has had custody of the Socialist Party cards since about 1936.

It is recalled that in April, 1949, CLAESSENS advised the writer that there was a split in the leadership of the Socialist Party which became effective in about 1936, and at that time the individual Party cards were maintained at the Rand School, 7 East 15th Street, New York City. He advised that the cards were then placed in his custody. He stated that he was active in the Socialist Party for many years but that he never met PRISCILLA HISS and he had no knowledge of her activities.

ClaesSENS resides at the Hotel Edison, 10th Street and Ocean Drive, Miami, Florida. At this time the Miami Office is not being requested to interview CLAESSENS as to whether PRISCILLA HISS' membership card is an actual part of the files of the Socialist Party.

L. W. SPILLANE,  
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

December 30, 1949

MEMO

RE: JAHAM;  
ESPIONAGE - R

Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS MURPHY has requested that Sergeant GEORGE ROUHLAK be interviewed to ascertain if he can recall the fact that the gas at the CATTLETT residence on P Street, Washington, D. C., was turned off on January 10, 1938 and the meter taken out on May 9, 1938. He also requested that ROUHLAK be asked if he can remember how the house was heated and the meals cooked at this residence.

Sergeant ROUHLAK was interviewed at Mitchell Field on December 29, 1949 and he advised that he has no recollection of the gas being turned off at the P Street address and he does not remember ever using a gas stove or any gas heating equipment at this address. He stated that there was a coal range in the kitchen which was used for cooking. He advised that this was an old fashioned coal burning range with four burners on the top and an oven on the bottom. He recalled buying coal for this stove at a corner grocery store located at 28th Street and Dunbar Avenue, Washington, D. C.

ROUHLAK stated that the dining room had a two-burner, coal-oil heating stove and that the CATTLETT boys' bedroom contained a one-burner, coal-oil stove. He recalled that CLAUDIA CATTLETT'S bedroom had a two-burner, coal-oil stove and that there was also another bedroom in the house which had a one-burner, coal-oil stove. He advised that the house was heated by these coal-oil stoves and the coal range in the kitchen.

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Jan. 5, 1950

MEMO TO FILE:

1. Senator Dulles:

Will be here (Room 1404) tomorrow afternoon at 1:45 p.m. (having luncheon appointment which might delay him past the 1:30 p.m. time requested by Mr. Murphy), so as to go over his testimony with Mr. Murphy. (RYR for TFM)

2. Grieb

We are to telephone him tomorrow evening (January 6th) to let him know when to come.

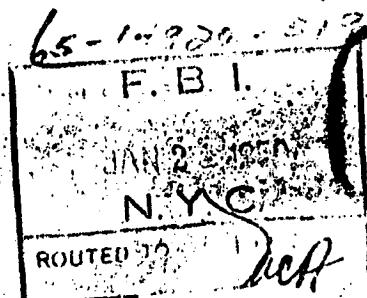
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3. Nicholson

Will arrive around 9:00 a.m. by train. Keep her in Mr. Murphy's downstairs office.

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Thomas G. Spencer, S.A.

United States v. Hiss

Witness: Stafford McQueen

He can be reached at his job (phone,  
President 8-3770).

I promised him that I would call him Monday  
and let him know about what time, Monday or  
Tuesday, he would have to appear as a witness and  
he promised he would come to the U. S. Court House  
immediately upon receipt of this telephone call.

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Jan 5, 1950

To: File -- Frances Oneida Booth

The Marshal says that the subpoena has "elapsed" and he, therefore, wants another subpoena.

Another subpoena has been prepared and sent to the Marshal in Washington (even though there is no possibility of the subpoena "lapsing" in time).

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TO : File

DATE: 1/5/50

FROM : T. G. Spencer, S.A.

SUBJECT: United States v. Hiss

Witness: Burnetta Fisher

Mr. Barloger says that this witness has been advanced \$72.36 minus \$45.36 (advanced in Detroit), or a total sum of \$27.00. Her travel will come to \$90.00, of which she spent \$40.00 for her round trip ticket. Her witness fees were figured from January 3rd, when she arrived; therefore, having been advanced \$27.00 (by N. Y. Marshal), her witness fees will begin to run again tomorrow, January 6th.

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Mr. Danahy spoke to this witness and she is staying at the Hotel Theresa, 7th Ave. and 125th Street (Monument 2-1700, Ext. 312) and will be in Monday.

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United States Department of Justice  
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January 5, 1950

MEMO

RE: WHITTAKER CHAMBERS  
ALGER HISS  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to my memo of January 4, 1950 in the above-mentioned matter.

This is to advise that DR. ALBERT A. GROSS telephonically contacted the writer at 9:45 A.M. today and advised that following our conversations yesterday he had had lunch with WILLIAM MERRITT, whom he described as General Counsel for the GEORGE W. HENRY FOUNDATION, which, it will be recalled, is the organization employing Dr. GROSS. GROSS stated that MERRITT had made a remark to him that both parties to the controversy, namely CHAMBERS and HISS, had been involved in homo-sexual activities. GROSS was questioned by the writer as to the source of MERRITT's information, and replied that it was his impression that MERRITT was merely repeating common gossip. GROSS stated that he had gathered from the conversation that this is a common topic among the lawyers in New York City. GROSS stated that he would keep the writer informed of any new developments along this line which may come to his attention in the future.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

January 20, 1950

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At 3:10 pm today, in the absence of Mr. H. B. Fletcher and Assistant to the Director D. M. Ladd, I advised Assistant Director L. B. Nichols that the judge had completed his charge and the case was given to the jury at 3:06 pm. I also dictated a memorandum to this effect to Mr. Ladd's secretary.

While speaking with Mr. Nichols, I informed him that during his summation, Mr. Murphy had taken time to vigorously refute the innuendoes made by CROSS against the FBI in this case; that he had told the jury it was open season on the FBI and it was considered "smart" in some circles and in some sections of the press to attack the FBI; further, that if the jury felt that the FBI had in any way tampered with evidence in this case or coerced or persuaded witnesses, they should bring in a verdict of acquittal. I also informed him that during the trial, Mr. Murphy had been quick to defend the Bureau and had put on witnesses to refute any testimony given by the defense which was derogatory to the FBI.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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MR. SCHEIDT  
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MR. COLLIER  
MR. GRANVILLE  
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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

January 21, 1950

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM.

At 11:00 o'clock this morning I advised J. R. Jones, supervisor on duty in Mr. Fletcher's Office at the Bureau, that at 10:45 the jury had sent a note to the Judge, whereupon the jury had been brought back into the Court Room. The jury requested that the Judge again read to it those parts of his charge dealing with (1) reasonable doubt; (2) circumstantial evidence; (3) corroborative evidence. After the Judge read the pertinent portions, the jury returned to deliberate at 10:55 a.m.

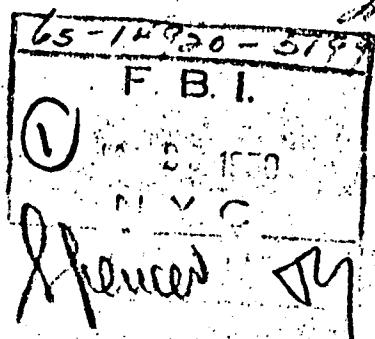
At 1:03 p.m. I advised Jones that the jury had gone to lunch at 12:55 p.m. and was scheduled to reconvene for its deliberations at 2:15 p.m.

At 2:55, in the absence of Jones, I advised Supervisor Robert Lamphere that the jury had returned at about 2:40 and had rendered a verdict declaring HISS guilty on both counts of the indictment; that the defense moved to have HISS continued in bail and requested that it reserve its right to make motions on the date of sentence. Murphy requested to be heard and the jury had been discharged after receiving the thanks of the Court.

Subsequently I advised Jones that HISS has been continued in his present bail of \$5,000 and that he was due to be sentenced at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 25, 1950; that the defense had been given the right to make its motions with reference to the verdict on that date.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent

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United States Department of Justice  
New York - New York

January 23, 1950

MEMORANDUM

RE: JAHAM

MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. CRANWELL  
MR. FLEMING  
MR. HENRY  
MR. LEVY  
MR. MARCHASSAULT  
MR. O'BRIEN  
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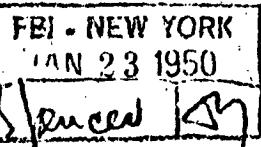
I called Mr. J. J. McGuire of the Bureau and advised that the other day WILLIAM R. CONKLIN, reporter with the NEW YORK TIMES who has been doing the stories on the HISS case, spoke to Mr. Tuohy, the supervisor in charge of the section handling that case, and said that after the trial is over he would like very much to do a magazine article on the FBI's "wonderful investigation" in this case; that he thought it would make a "whale of a tale" but did not know how much material the Bureau would clear for him; that later on January 20th he mentioned to Mr. Tuohy that he had talked to one of the officials of Collier's Magazine the previous night and he thought Collier's would be interested in buying such an article.

Mr. McGuire stated that inasmuch as the case is going to be appealed he did not think we should get involved in any statement at this time.

I stated that I would tell Mr. Conklin that in view of the fact that the case is going to be appealed it would not be proper for us to make any comment on any evidence at all at this time.

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
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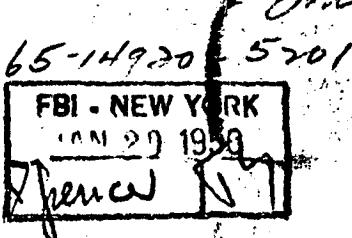
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Reference is made to my memo of yesterday concerning a conversation had with NY Times reporter William R. Conklin, who indicated a desire to write a magazine piece on the investigation conducted by the FBI in this case.

Today Mr. Conklin advised me that he had spoken with one of the officials of Collier's Magazine last night and he said he thought Collier's would be interested in buying such an article.

A. J. TUOHY  
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United States Department of Justice

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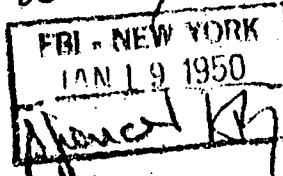
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While speaking for a brief time today with William R. Conklin who has been covering the Alger Hiss Perjury trial for the New York Times, he stated that after the trial is concluded he would very much like to do a magazine article on the FBI's "wonderful investigation" in this case. He said that he thought it would make a "whale of a tale" but was doubtful how much material the Bureau would clear for him, he being aware of the Bureau's reluctance to divulge its techniques. He said that he would like to discuss this matter with SAC Scheidt. I assured him that Mr. Scheidt would be most receptive to his call and would do what he could for him along these lines. He said he would be in touch with Mr. Scheidt after the trial.

In view of the prominence of the New York Times, it would appear highly desirable to encourage Conklin in this regard if the Bureau desires to go along with him.

A. J. TUOHY,  
SA

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

January 25, 1950

MEMO

RE: JAHAM

At 10:50 am on January 25, I advised Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau that Judge Goddard had sentenced ALGER HISS to 5 years on each of the two counts, the sentences to run concurrently. Attorney CROSS made a plea for HISS on the grounds that he had suffered enough punishment and that any jail sentence would not accomplish justice. CROSS cited the career of HISS since 1939 as one benefiting this country and stated that he believed in the innocence of HISS as many other persons did and the fact that the jury had been out for so long a time before rendering a verdict indicated a reasonable doubt in their minds. AUSA Murphy advised that the government recommended each count to run concurrently. Judge Goddard stated that the fact that the jury had been out for some time meant that they had given the case careful consideration and had carefully weighed the evidence. Judge Goddard then sentenced HISS. HISS made a short statement declaring his innocence.

Attorney CROSS then requested that HISS continue on his present bail of \$5,000 pending appeal. The judge indicated that he would allow HISS bail pending appeal. Mr. Murphy requested the bail be raised to \$25,000. The judge set bail at \$10,000 and paroled HISS in the custody of his attorney until 4:00 pm this afternoon to permit him to make the bail. The judge brought up the question of leaving the jurisdiction but CROSS advised that HISS had no intention of leaving the jurisdiction and if such a question came up later, an application would be made to the court.

A. H. BELMONT  
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MR. SCHEIDT  
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JAHAM

Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy confidentially furnished to this office the text of the telegram set forth below:

MAY I AND MANY THOUSANDS LIKE ME EXPRESS MY SYMPATHY AT THE GROSS VISCARRIAGE OF JUSTICE THAT HAS RESULTED IN YOUR CONVICTION ON THE TESTIMONY OF A NOTORIOUS PERJURER. UNFORTUNATELY THE COURTS OF OUR COUNTRY FROM SALEM TO SACOC VANZETTI HAVE MARTYRED MANY GOOD AMERICANS AND WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE COURTS OF APPEAL WILL RECTIFY THIS VICIOUS AND STUPID DECISION.

This telegram was directed to ALGER HISS by one GUSTAVE GILBERT of 2451 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

This is submitted for your information and such action as you may care to take. It is to be noted that care should be taken to preserve the identity of the source of this information as confidential, inasmuch as the telegram was received at the United States Court House, Foley Square, New York City, for referral to the defendant HISS.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

January 26, 1950

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

Mrs. ESTHER BOUTWELL, 11 Metropolitan Oval, Bronx, New York, telephonically contacted the writer at 9:30 a.m. on January 26, 1950, to furnish the following information:

Mrs. BOUTWELL stated that the Herald-Tribune for January 26, 1950, carried a picture of ALGER HISS, who was shown with Mrs. JOHN ALFORD, the former ROBERTA MURRAY. According to Mrs. BOUTWELL, Mrs. ALFORD at one time was married to a man named FANSLER, who was related to PRISCILLA HISS. Mrs. BOUTWELL suspects that because Mrs. ALFORD'S maiden name was MURRAY, she might possibly be related to the Dr. MURRAY who testified as a psychologist in the trial of the captioned matter.

Mrs. BOUTWELL further stated that she and Mrs. ALFORD had been co-workers at the Metropolitan Museum of Art several years ago, at which time Mrs. ALFORD admitted membership in the Communist Party and was active in workers groups and as a lecturer on behalf of the Daily Worker.

T. J. McANDREWS,  
Special Agent

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607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 27, 1950.

Mr. Clarke S. Ryan  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

The men of my office who were privileged to work with you during the retrial of the Alger Hiss matter have advised me of the major contributions you made to this successful prosecution.

I wish to compliment you for your work in this matter and to express my best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge.

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607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 27, 1950.

Honorable Irving H. Saypol  
United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Irving:

The verdict rendered in the recent retrial of Alger Hiss is just another indication of the excellent work performed by your office. The Agents of my office who have worked on this case have nothing but the highest praise for the cooperation and the friendly spirit that existed not only in this most difficult case, but in other cases as well.

The way in which your office refuted the obviously biased testimony in connection with an attempt to suggest improper conduct on the part of FBI Agents is most gratifying.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge.

ES:MT

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607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 27, 1950.

Mr. Daniel J. McCarran  
United States Marshal  
United States Court House, Room 19  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Mr. McCarran:

During the recently concluded prosecution of Alger Hiss, I had the opportunity on several occasions of personally observing the splendid manner in which representatives of your office discharged their duties. The attention focused on this trial brought with it problems which required your deputies to display the utmost tact and patience. They met the demands of their assignment with the discretion and ability so trying a task required.

I wish particularly to call to your attention in this connection the work of Deputies James J. Egan, Pasquale Sanducci, James A. Shanahan, and Samuel Goldstein. I would appreciate your conveying to them my thanks for the numerous courtesies extended by them to me and to the Special Agents of this office.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHLEIDT

Special Agent in Charge.

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607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 27, 1950.

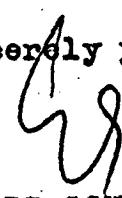
Mr. Thomas J. Donegan  
Special Assistant to the Attorney General  
United States Court House, Room 1404  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

The verdict in the recent Alger Hiss retrial is unquestionably of singular significance to you. It was the indictment returned by the Special Grand Jury under your supervision which culminated in this splendid victory. I appreciate that the time you spent before the Grand Jury and during the preparation and prosecution of both trials resulted in great sacrifices in your private practice of the law, and in your personal life as well. You are entitled to the satisfaction of knowing how importantly your efforts contributed to the security of our country.

With best wishes and kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge.

ES:MT

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607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

January 27, 1950.

Mr. Thomas F. Murphy  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Southern District of New York  
United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Tom:

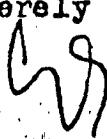
I had the privilege, during the retrial of the Alger Hiss case, of sitting in on your cross-examination of Doctors Binger and Murray, and of course your excellent summation. Your careful analysis of the facts and sound knowledge of the law was evident in the outstanding manner in which you met and disposed of every challenge which arose during this trial.

I wish particularly to acknowledge as most gratifying your successful and complete refutation of all attacks on the FBI, both direct and implied. I especially wish to express my appreciation for the unfailing support and cooperation you gave the men of this office during the long and arduous weeks consumed in the investigation and prosecution of this case.

Accept my sincere congratulations and best wishes for your continuing success.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

  
EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge.

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# HISS JURY TOOK ONLY 4 VOTES

2 Men, One Woman At First  
Stood For Acquittal

By THOMAS O'NEILL

[Sun Staff Correspondent]

New York, Jan. 23.—Only four ballots were taken in the jury room before agreement on Saturday's verdict convicting Alger Hiss on a perjury indictment that meant the former State Department official also had been a Soviet spy.

The jury was out for almost 24 hours.

When it returned, it was ordered by Judge Henry W. Goddard to keep mute regarding its deliberations, an instruction which struck some of the jurors as uncalled for in the face of the fact that silence would leave a blank in the record of the most historic of American political trials.

Under the circumstances, one of the jurors consented today to tell about the proceedings behind the closed doors of the jury room, but in fear of a contempt-of-court citation insisted that his identity remain undisclosed.

## Three For Acquittal

Two of the four men on the jury and one of the eight women originally were in favor of acquittal, said this juror.

As soon as the first ballot had been recorded, one of the men announced that thereafter he could be counted for conviction, and that he had voted originally only to make certain in his own mind what the preponderance of jury opinion was. On the next two ballots, conducted merely by a show of hands, the vote was 10 to 2. This was the precise division which had been guessed by courtroom spectators from the attitude of the jurors.

"When we left the courthouse we were all the best of friends and shook hands on it," said the juror. "We felt we had done our duty."

When the jurors first retired at 3:10 P.M. Friday, each was given two cards, one for a "guilty" vote and one for "not guilty." On that poll, the jurors voted 8 to 3 to convict.

One man and one woman among the twelve asked for more information about what constituted a legal reasonable doubt and what constituted circumstantial evidence. To answer these questions, the jurors went back into the

courtroom to hear a new reading of Judge Goddard's charge and to hear again excerpts from parts of the testimony.

Thereafter, ballots were taken by a show of hands. On the second, the vote was 10 to 2 to convict.

That was just before the jury went out for dinner Friday night. There was new discussion after dinner, but no new vote until Saturday morning. The count then was still 10 to 2. The fourth and final ballot was taken just after lunch. On the first count it showed 11 to 1 for conviction, with one of the four male jurors still holding out. There was an argument across the table, and the man ultimately said he would go along.

## Found At Lawyer's Home

Without a further ballot, the jurors sent Judge Goddard a message saying they were ready with a verdict.

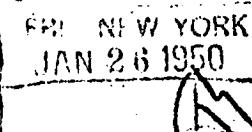
Hiss, who had been in hiding since the verdict, was found today at the home of a woman lawyer, Mrs. Benjamin Buttenweiser, who has advised the defendant and his wife during the trial.

He had two pieces of luggage which he will bring into the Federal Court Wednesday, the day set for sentence, in the event he is immediately committed to jail. His lawyers plan an appeal to a higher court, with the Supreme Court as the ultimate objective.

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Tuesday, 1/24/50

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# COUNTERATTACK

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## FACTS TO COMBAT COMMUNISM

55 WEST 42ND STREET, NEW YORK 18, N. Y. LONGACRE 4-1428

Letter No. 140  
January 27, 1950

Dear Subscriber:

COMMUNISTS AND APPEASERS START CAMPAIGN TO DISCREDIT HISS VERDICT. They're misrepresenting facts about the trial in an effort to whitewash Hiss.

The Communist Party cries out that "the Hiss trial was rigged by men who want to outlaw the peace movement in our America". This refers to the fake "peace" movement which Moscow has created to sabotage U.S. defense.

The CP (Communist Party) links the Hiss verdict to recent conviction of 11 of its leaders for plotting against the Govt. It declares: "Taking off from the Foley Square frame-up," (meaning the conviction of the 11 party leaders) "the 'inevitable war' mob in Washington will see in the Hiss verdict the opportunity to press the outlawing of the Communist Party."

And the Progressive or Commugressive Party's unofficial national newspaper, the Compass, has begun a campaign of violent denunciation of the Hiss verdict, the House Un-American Activities Committee, and the FBI.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt has made a queer statement in defense of her friend Alger Hiss, who used to be a White House visitor. She says Alger Hiss may be guilty of perjury but not of espionage.

At first glance this doesn't seem to make any sense, because Hiss was convicted of perjuring himself in DENYING espionage.

But was Mrs. Roosevelt making a veiled allusion to something else... to a story spread around by money-raisers for the Alger Hiss defense?

Large sums have been collected, especially from Hiss' fellow alumni of Harvard Law School. And the story told by the money-raisers is that Hiss has confidentially admitted he perjured himself but has said he did it to protect somebody else, who really typed the State Dept. documents.

Is Mrs. Roosevelt trying to spread that wild yarn? If she is, let her come out and say so. At any rate her statement needs explaining.

The reason for the jury verdict is simple.

Hiss had no case. That's all. He changed his stories of the same events repeatedly. He kept revising, revising, revising.

Newspaper readers couldn't see it, because no newspaper could devote a full page or two every day to the intricate details of the trial.

But the jury could see it. On one important point after another, the jury learned that Hiss had continually changed his stories. And all his stories were smashed not only by Whittaker Chambers' version and Chambers' documents but by many other witnesses and documents dug up by FBI.

A crushing analysis of Hiss' many stories has been made by one of his fellow trustees of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

This is former U.S. Solicitor General William Marshall Bullitt, a lawyer of wide experience. (He's a cousin of Ex-Ambassador Wm C. Bullitt.) Wm. Marshall Bullitt says Hiss deceived Chairman John Foster Dulles of the Carnegie Endowment, as well as the other trustees. Bullitt proves

that Hiss repeatedly lied in getting the \$20,000 job as president of the endowment and in hanging on to it long after Chambers publicly accused him.

Bullitt's pamphlet, "A Factual Review of the Whittaker Chambers — Alger Hiss Controversy", was written primarily for his fellow trustees.

Point by point, Bullitt analyzes the conflicts in Chambers' and Hiss' testimony before House Un-American Activities Committee. Says Bullitt:

"In reply to the committee's 176 pointed questions (concerning Chambers' alleged acquaintance with Hiss), Chambers' answers were short, clear, and positive, never ambiguous, and rarely even qualified as 'I think'."

Bullitt contrasts Chambers' testimony, "which was rarely, if ever, subsequently modified", with Hiss' evasive testimony, "which was constantly modified to conform to unexpected and uncontradicted evidence of entirely impartial and disinterested third parties." And here is Bullitt's summing up:

"Mr Chambers' testimony appears as a blunt, straightforward, positive, unqualified statement of facts, unsupported by legal assistance or anything else, except an unaided memory of facts within his personal knowledge—none of which have been shown to be inaccurate; but, on the other hand, unexpectedly corroborated by Mr Hiss himself, and by many disinterested third party records and oral evidence.

"Mr Hiss' testimony appears as that of an able, highly educated man, of professional training, with an amazingly accurate memory of every detail of the testimony heard at each prior Committee meeting, with great dialectical skill and mental alertness; but cautious in expression, always with an anchor thrown to windward to cover any inconsistency or proven contradictions; and yet his statement of facts within his own personal experience has been constantly contradicted and torn to shreds by indisputable third party public and private written records, and disinterested oral evidence."

And you can be sure the jury drew the same conclusion.

Hiss' defenders have been picturing Chambers as an "admitted perjurer". Fact is Chambers years ago made up his mind that he would tell the truth about his underground Communist activities if called on by any court or other public body...but that he would conceal one part of it, so as not to inflict great harm on some persons who were involved.

The one part he made up his mind to conceal was the espionage. He did conceal it when questioned in 1948 by House Committee and soon afterward by grand jury. He denied knowledge of it. That's the only point on which he has admitted perjury. Of course he should have told about that part too, without delay. But how many other ex-Communists have been willing to go as far as he had already gone, exposing themselves to such savage attack?

Rep Richard M Nixon of California deserves chief credit for seeing to it that Chambers' testimony didn't come to nothing. Nixon kept the House Committee from dropping the investigation when it was stymied by Hiss' denials. He took personal charge of it. Nixon's work led to Hiss' indictment.

The FBI did a splendid job of digging up additional evidence. And Asst U S Atty Thomas F Murphy prosecuted the case with great ability.

A book, "Seeds of Treason: the Hiss-Chambers Trial", will be published by Funk & Wagnalls Co in about two months. The authors are Ralph de Toledano of Newsweek magazine and Victor Lasky of NY World-Telegram & The Sun. They've followed the Hiss-Chambers controversy from the beginning, and their book should be one of the illuminating events of the year.

NEW COMMUNIST-RUN NAT'L UNION IS IN THE MAKING. Founding convention of Union of Distributive Workers will be held in NY on Feb 4-5. Party-line locals seceded from Retail, Wholesale & Dept Store Union, CIO, in fall of 1948 and formed the Distributive Trades Council. Now they are converting it into a national union.

At first they'll concentrate on NYCity. Later they'll organize big department stores, retail chains, and warehouses in other cities, including Philadelphia, Chicago, Minneapolis & St Paul, San Francisco, etc.

Arthur Osman, identified as delegate to Communist Party Convention in 1945, will be president of the new union. Other key positions will go to Wm Michelson, David Livingston, and Nicholas Carnes, who have all been identified as Communist Party members.

**COMMUNIST PARTY URGES ONE-DAY STOPPAGE IN ALL BIG INDUSTRIES TO ENCOURAGE MINERS' UNION.** The CP is adopting a super-militant pose to egg the miners on and to spread the coal strike. It hopes to build its strength in United Mine Workers and other unions on basis of its militancy. And it wants to cause many strikes, so as to cut US production during cold war.

CP's demand for one-day stoppage was quickly echoed by Communists in unions. Among first responses were those from Westinghouse local of United Electrical Workers in East Pittsburgh, and Fisher Body local of CIO Auto union in Cleveland. Both these party-line locals urged a one-day stoppage.

Communist Party has also issued a four-point program on coal strike:

1. Support from all unions to John L Lewis' union.
2. Protests to Truman against use of courts and Taft-Hartley procedure against United Mine Workers.
3. Insistence that Wm Green & Philip Murray and other labor leaders support the miners' strike, despite all differences with Lewis.
4. Prompt, aggressive action by all "progressive trade unions and organizations" (party-line unions & Communist fronts) to help the miners.

This program was announced by Steve Nelson, CP organizer of Western Penna. Nelson was born in Yugoslavia and entered US on false passport under name Joseph Fleischinger. Later the Govt forgave this sin because he seemed to be behaving himself. Still later he attended Lenin School, Moscow, under name Louis Evans, traveling on a fraudulently obtained passport.

Afterwards Steve Nelson was a Comintern agent in China. He was a Lt Col in Communist-run International Brigade in Spanish Civil War, after going to Spain on a US passport under name Joseph Fleischinger...the same name he had falsely used in coming to US originally.

And he helped steal atomic secrets in US during Second World War, according to report of House Un-American Activities Committee. Witnesses testified that Steve Nelson guided Communist infiltration of University of Calif radiation laboratory at Berkeley...and atomic security officers reported that he received documents from Dr Joseph W Weinberg ("Scientist X") and turned them over to Peter Ivanov, Soviet Vice-Consul at San Francisco.

Now Steve Nelson is the Communist leader in the great Western Penna industrial & mining district, and is maneuvering among the coal miners.

**COMMUNISTS IN LARGEST FORD PLANT SING "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAR STALIN".** Communist Party says pictures of Stalin were hung on bulletin boards in Motor Bldg at Ford River Rouge plant on his birthday...one large picture hung all day on time clock in one department. And that wasn't all:

"Shortly before lunch a worker invited one of the union leaders to eat his lunch with a group of men near their machines. When they were all assembled in a semi-circle, all heads came together and a song started. There between the machines in Ford's Rouge plant they sang 'Happy Birthday, Dear Stalin, Happy Birthday to you!'"

AND THE COMMUNIST ISSUE HIT FORD in another way last week-end...in connection with one of its television programs.

"Toast of the Town" is sponsored by Ford's Lincoln-Mercury Dealers on CBS-TV every Sunday night. Ed Sullivan, newspaper columnist, is master of ceremonies. On Jan 22 he had Paul Draper, dancer, as a star of the show. Draper has supported Communist fronts. His mother is Muriel Draper, Communist and Pres of leading Communist front, Congress of American Women.

Draper and Larry Adler, harmonica player, are suing Mrs John T McCullough of Greenwich, Conn, for \$200,000 libel because she protested their appearance in a concert there. Her case has won wide sympathy.

After Draper danced, the spotlight was turned on Mr & Mrs Benson Ford, who were introduced from the studio audience. Benson Ford is president of Lincoln-Mercury Division of Ford Motors.

Protests at once poured in to CBS and Ed Sullivan from TV audience, many from Counterattack subscribers. Sullivan at first stood pat.

But soon Sullivan yielded to the flood of protests. He wrote to Kenyon & Eckhardt, ad agency in charge of the program, saying the agency and the sponsor had allowed him a free hand in picking the talent, and he was sorry that some people had been "offended by the performance...of a performer whose political beliefs are a matter of public controversy."

But the matter at issue isn't beliefs...it's ACTIONS. People who object to Paul Draper aren't worried about the thoughts inside his head. They complain about the things he has DONE to assist Communist fronts.

Ford is eliminating the Draper part of the program from the re-broadcast of "Toast of the Town" Sunday night, Jan 29, in seven cities... Los Angeles, Kansas City, St Louis, Louisville, Miami, Atlanta, Schenectady.

COMMUNIST PARTY WILL HOLD LENIN RALLY IN CITY-OWNED HALL. On Feb 3 Communist Party of Wisconsin will hold "Lenin-Lincoln" rally to commemorate 26th anniversary of Lenin's death (Jan 21). The name of Lincoln (born Feb 12) is joined to Lenin's as camouflage. A typical Communist trick.

Meeting will be held in one of the halls of Milwaukee Auditorium, which is jointly owned by city of Milwaukee and a private corporation. Protests against the use of city property by Communists were made to W C Maas, manager of Milwaukee Auditorium, who reportedly answered by saying it's illegal to discriminate against ANY group in renting the auditorium. This is the usual excuse rattled off in such circumstances.

WHAT TO DO: Write to Mayor Frank P Zeidler of Milwaukee. Ask him if he, as mayor, would tolerate use of city-owned hall by Ku Klux Klan or by a Nazi party. Tell him the city of Milwaukee should bar use of its property by such organizations or by Communist Party.

Yours faithfully,

January 27, 1950

*Counterattack*

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York - New York

January 31

MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHELAN  
MR. COLLIER  
MR. CRANVILLE  
MR. EICHENS  
MR. KELLY  
MR. LOUIS  
MR. MARKESSAULT  
MR. NAGAN  
1950 SUPERVISOR  
MR. TUOHY  
MR. WALSH  
MR. WOHL  
CHIEF CLERK  
PROPERTY CLERK  
TRAINING UNIT

MEMORANDUM

RE: JAHAM

On Sunday, January 29th, I received a telephone call from Associate Director Tolson of the Bureau in which he advised that Whittaker Chambers had been interviewed the night before on the radio by BERT ANDREWS and during this interview had been asked whether he would be willing to take a lie-detector test. Chambers replied that he would if the test was given by the FBI but not otherwise. Mr. Tolson said that the Bureau has received a number of inquiries as a result of this broadcast and that the International News Service had shown a great interest, indicating its willingness to stage such a test. Mr. Tolson said that the Bureau did not feel it was proper for it to have anything to do with such a proposal at this time and that they were referring the press to the US Attorney's office in New York since there is an appeal pending in the HISS case. Mr. Tolson instructed that I get in touch with the U.S. Attorneys and advise them of the above and that I inform him when this had been done.

I immediately telephoned to Assistant US Attorney Thomas Murphy who stated that he was opposed to Chambers' taking any such lie-detector test at the present time and would consider that this would be prejudicial in view of the fact that the HISS case is up on appeal; that he would advise the press accordingly if any inquiries were received by him.

I also telephoned to US Attorney Irving Saypol who concurred with Mr. Murphy's observations and in addition commented that it would be highly unethical to stage such a test at this time. Mr. Saypol suggested that Peyton Ford be advised of the above development so that he would answer any inquiries along the same lines that the US Attorney's office would.

I called Mr. Tolson back on January 29th and advised him of the comments of Mr. Murphy and Mr. Saypol.

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
SAC 65-1490-5v7

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York - New York

February 1, 1950.

MEMORANDUM

RE: JAHAM

I called Mr. J. J. McGuire of the Bureau and advised him of the full page editorial and cartoon by BURRIS JENKINS JR. entitled TRIAL BY JURY, which appeared in today's Journal American. It commends the Department of Justice, former AG Clark, the FBI, US Attorney Saypol, Tom Murphy, Mr. Donegan and Judge Goddard, as well as the Committee on Un-American Activities.

Mr. McGuire stated he would obtain a copy of the Journal American at the Bureau.

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, NEW YORK

DATE: January 6, 1950

FROM : GUY HOTTEL, SAC, Washington Field

SUBJECT: JAHAM

Re telephone call of Special Agent THOMAS SPENCER on January 5, 1950 at 5:40 P. M., in which the Washington Field Office was requested to ascertain the nature of the documents from which State Department press release #154, dated April 1, 1938 and released for publication, April 2, 1938, was prepared.

There are enclosed herewith for the New York Office, Dispatch #114 of March 31, 1938; Dispatch #2016 dated April 1, 1938 from the Embassy in Paris; and a communication to the British Ambassador dated March 31, 1938. Press release #154 was made on the basis of the aforementioned documents.

A thorough review of State Department indices fails to show that the subject matter herein was used by former Secretary of State CORDELL HULL during the pertinent period.

However, it was learned that attorneys for ALGER HISS had interested themselves and made inquiries relative to an address by the Honorable CORDELL HULL regarding our foreign policy made in Washington, D. C. in March, 1938. A copy of this address by Mr. HULL was obtained from the Government Printing Office and is enclosed herewith.

*Exhibit # 18-542 thru 545*

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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February 3, 1950

MEMORANDUM:

RE: JAHAM

A great number of the exhibits in this case have been furnished to the United States Attorney for use during both trials. It has been suggested by Mr. Murphy and concurred with by Mr. Belmont that these exhibits should remain intact and not be returned to various people from whom they were received or to the file in this case until such time as the appeal to the decision in this case has been settled.

T. G. Spencer,  
Special Agent.

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SAC, Baltimore

SAC, New York

JAHAM

There is enclosed a photostatic copy of a letter dated January 26, 1950, from WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, which was directed to Special Agent Thomas G. Spencer of this office. I am sending you a copy of this letter in view of the fact that Mr. CHAMBERS particularly mentions the excellent work done by Special Agent Frank Johnstone, who is presently assigned to your office, and Special Agent John F. X. Callahan, who was assigned to the Baltimore Office during part of the investigation of this case. It is felt that you probably might want to put this letter in Special Agent Johnstone's personnel file.

AJT:RAA  
65-14920

Enclosure

for  
65-14920-5242 R.A.

## ALGER HISS WANTS TRIAL IN VERMONT

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (AP)—Alger Hiss wants his second perjury trial shifted from New York City to the U. S. District Court in Vermont, on the ground he cannot now get a fair trial here.

The former State Department official, whose first trial ended last July 8 with the jury deadlocked eight-to-four for conviction, announced his plan in a statement yesterday.

Government prosecutors said immediately they will oppose the transfer.

Hiss faces retrial next Monday on a charge that he lied when he denied before a Federal Grand Jury that he had ever given State Department secrets to Whittaker Chambers, self-styled former Communist courier, for transmission to prewar Soviet spies. A second count in the indictment alleges Hiss lied when he denied ever seeing Chambers after a date involved Chambers' accusations against him.

The Rutland, Vt., Herald said it had learned that friends of Hiss recently made a telephone survey in the Rutland area to determine the sentiment of the residents. People were asked if they thought Hiss could get a fair trial in Vermont, the Herald said. Among those questioned was Robert W. Mitchell, publisher of the Herald, the newspaper said.

Hiss spent most of last summer in Peacham, Vt., where he has vacationed for several years.

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Section One

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BURLINGTON, VERMONT

# The Burlington

## Hiss Formally Asks Retrial Of Case in Vt.

Says Fair New York  
Retrial Impossible—  
Motion Argued Mon.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4—Alger Hiss' attorney today formally asked transfer of his second perjury trial from New York to Vermont. Hiss previously had announced such a move was pending.

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To Argue Motion Monday

The motion to move the retrial to Vermont will be argued Monday.

Assistant U. S. Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, who prosecuted the first trial for the government, has said he will fight the move to take the retrial out of New York.

In the motion for a change of venue, the defense quoted two of the jurors in the first trial as saying they simply had been annoyed

## Hiss Formally

Continued from Page One

He added:

"I am informed by Vermont counsel and verily believe that the U. S. District Court for the District of Vermont, is now sitting in Rutland, Vt. I am further informed that the jurors who serve in the U. S. District Court for the District of Vermont when it is sitting in Rutland are drawn from the counties of Rutland, Bennington and Addison.

"It appears from the affidavits submitted herewith that the publicity which has been given to the case in the newspapers most commonly read in those counties has been much more limited in scope and more temperate in tone.

"There is good reason to believe, therefore, that the prejudicial atmosphere which has been created in the Southern District of New York does not obtain in Vermont and that a fair and impartial trial can more readily be had in that district.

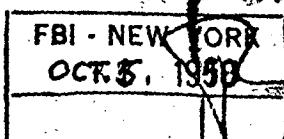
"An extraordinary amount of space has been devoted to this case by the New York newspapers ever since August, 1948. The hearings before the House Committee in August, 1948, were front page news in the New York newspapers for many days. Considerable coverage was also given to the institution of the libel suit in September, 1948, and to the production of the films from the pumpkin in December, 1948. Further extended publicity occurred upon the finding of the indictment."

Affidavits submitted by the defense said a poll of stories on the case in the Rutland Herald

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Hiss also has revealed that his ace criminal lawyer, Lloyd Paul Stryker, would not direct the defense in the second trial.

Claude B. Cross, a Boston lawyer, was selected by Hiss to replace Stryker.

CLIPPING FROM THE BOSTON HERALD

DATED October 5, 1949

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OCT. 5 1949



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Room 1404, U. S. Court House  
Foley Square, New York 7, N.Y.

February 3, 1950

Mr. Edward Scheidt  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, New York

Dear Ed:

I want to thank you for your very kind letter on the outcome of the Hiss case.

It is my personal conviction, and I believe I can speak with some authority, that the successful results in the Hiss case were due to the splendid work performed by the FBI. I think all congratulations should be directed to the FBI, and I want to thank you and your associates for the great work that was done by the New York Office in this case.

There has been a very definite tendency on the part of members of the prosecution's staffs in recent cases of national interest to forget how dependent they were on the FBI for the successful results that were achieved. Fortunately, this forgetfulness was forestalled in the Hiss case by United States Attorney Saypol. I was glad to note that he publicly commended the FBI in a statement very shortly after the verdict was returned.

I want you to know that I greatly appreciate the nice things you said in your letter and I want to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to me.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Tom

THOMAS J. DONEGAN  
Special Assistant to  
the Attorney General

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, N. Y.

February 7, 1950

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

During the cross-examination of WHITTAKER CHAMBERS by Defense Attorney CLAUDE CROSS, the latter brought out that CHAMBERS had at one time used the pseudonym JOHN LAND. He then offered in evidence the following editions of the American Mercury, all containing book reviews by JOHN LANB.

January, 1944 - "Historian and History Making"

February, 1944 - "Autolysis"

March, 1944 - "Santayana, Poet of Disillusion"

April, 1944 - "The Anatomy of Fascism"

May, 1944 - "The Future of the American Foreign Policy"

After the completion of CHAMBERS' testimony the writer asked him about the book reviews, and he said that he had completely forgotten about them; that had he recalled he had used the name JOHN LAND during the time he was interviewed by Bureau agents he certainly would have told it, and that the only reason for not divulging it was the fact that he had completely forgotten this particular episode.

T. G. SPENCER,  
Special Agent

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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
UNITED STATES COURT HOUSE  
FOLEY SQUARE  
NEW YORK 7, N. Y.

February 6, 1950

Edward Scheidt, Esq.  
Special Agent in Charge  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
607 United States Court House  
Foley Square  
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your lovely letter.  
The most pleasant aspect of the whole affair is  
the approval and good wishes of people like your-  
self.

It was a distinct pleasure to work  
with your office and the men who work under you.  
I have written to Mr. Hoover, acknowledging the  
splendid work and cooperation of a great many men  
in the New York Office, and told him, as I tell  
you now, that it is always a pleasure to try a  
case with the Bureau agents.

Thanks again for such a lovely let-  
ter, and also for the clipping from Boston (a bit  
inaccurate, but nevertheless a clipping).

Sincerely,

THOMAS F. MURPHY,  
Assistant U. S. Attorney.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

February 15, 1950

MEMORANDUM:

Re: JAHAM

VICTOR LASKY, reporter for the New York World-Telegram and Sun, telephonically advised the writer that during the trial of ALGER HISS the United States Attorney's office furnished to the press photostatic copies of the Berle and Ray Murphy notes dealing with their interviews with WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. LASKY stated that inasmuch as he was not present when these copies were given out, he would like a copy in connection with the publication of a book he is writing dealing with the activities of HISS and CHAMBERS. I told him I was unaware that photostatic copies of these notes had been furnished to the press, but that I would check with Mr. Murphy and let him know.

I discussed this with Assistant United States Attorney Tom Murphy, and he advised that copies had been furnished to the press and that it would be satisfactory with him if we could furnish LASKY with copies. One photostatic copy of each of the aforementioned notes was mailed to LASKY.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York

DATE: 2/15/50

FROM : SAC, New Haven

SUBJECT: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was., Et al  
 PERJURY  
 ESPIONAGE (R)  
 INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Rerep SA Lionel L. Meunier dated at New Haven, Conn. 6/13/49 (NYC file 65-14920).

It will be recalled that Confidential Informant T-1 in the referenced report,

furnished information about Witness Dr. CARL BINGER which proved helpful to the Government's case, apparently, because some of the information furnished by Dr. Binger was used by Assistant United States Attorney THOMAS MURPHY in cross-examining BINGER.

[REDACTED] is very anxious to have BINGER thrown out of the latter-mentioned association. [REDACTED] states that "Time" magazine for January 16, 1950 reflects that on the stand Dr. Binger said that Witness CHAMBERS suffered from a "psychopathic personality" and BINGER could render this diagnosis without ever having examined CHAMBERS. [REDACTED] is anxious to obtain a copy of the testimony of BINGER wherein BINGER made these statements.

[REDACTED] requested the New Haven office to assist him in obtaining this information. It was pointed out to him that the proper person to contact would be the office of the United States Attorney in New York City. [REDACTED] stated that on Monday next February 20, 1950, he will place a telephone call to Mr. THOMAS MURPHY care of the U. S. Attorney's office in New York City requesting that Mr. Murphy forward him pertinent portions of this transcript.

This office is requesting your office to immediately notify THOMAS MURPHY that [REDACTED] will call him next Monday so that Mr. Murphy will be familiar with the fact that it was [REDACTED] who furnished the original information about BINGER to the New Haven Division as set out in the above report of SA L. L. Meunier.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK CITY  
FEB. 16, 1950

URGENT

Transmit the following Teletype message to: NEW HAVEN

JAHAM. REURLET TWO FIFTEEN LAST RE PROPOSED TELEPHONE CALL BY DR. EDWARD L. BRENNAN TO AUSA T.F. MURPHY MONDAY NEXT. AUSA MURPHY IS PRESENTLY ON VACATION IN PUERTO RICO, AND IS NOT EXPECTED TO RETURN UNTIL AFTER MARCH FIRST NEXT. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT MURPHY HANDLED BOTH TRIALS OF THIS CASE AND IS PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE IN USA'S OFFICE MOST FAMILIAR WITH THE FACTS, IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU ADVISE DR. BRENNAN OF THESE FACTS, AS IT IS NOT BELIEVED THAT EVEN IF HE MAKES THIS CALL, ANYONE IN THE USA'S OFFICE WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY FAMILIAR WITH THESE FACTS TO HANDLE HIS REQUEST.

SCHEIDT

TGS:KW (#1)  
65-14920

MR. SCHEIDT
MR. BELMONT
MR. WHELAN
MR. COLLIER
MR. GRANVILLE
MR. HUGHES
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Approved:

Special Agent in Charge

Sent 9:19 P.M. Per J.W.

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SAC, Washington Field

February 17, 1950

SAC, New York

JAHAM

Please submit RUC report in this case bringing investigation up to date in the immediate future.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
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Feb. 19, 1950

MEMO:

A Mr. Morse of the Associated Press called at 9:50 p.m. on this date and stated that in Walter Winchell's column for Feb. 20th will be found the statement: "Wasn't a 3rd note found by the cops after ex-Luce editor Laird S. Goldsborough 'jumped or fell' from the Time-Life Bldg? When the FBI is through with it-more headlines". He desired to know if we had any comment to make. I advised Mr. Morse that we had none.

Warren T. Marchessault  
Supervisor

A. Belmont  
W. Whelan

Det. Director of 26th Squad N.Y.P.D. advised Det. Director of 26th Squad N.Y.P.D. advised SP week 2/20/50 that no letters of any kind had been found by N.Y.P.D.

Only one need be kept for file A.  
See newspaper stub file A.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

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MEMO

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RE: LAIRD S. GOLDSBOROUGH  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to the following quotation from the column of WALTER WINCHELL in the "Daily Mirror", issue of February 20, 1950:

"Isn't a 3rd note found by the cops after ex-Luce editor Laird S. Goldsborough 'jumped or fell' from the Time-Life Bldg? When the FBI is through with it—more headlines?"

A number of representatives of the press telephonically contacted this office on February 20 to secure our comment on WINCHELL's statement. They were all advised that we had no comment to make concerning it.

Detective MANDELL of the 26th Squad, New York Police Department, telephonically communicated with this office on February 20 referring to Mr. WINCHELL's statement, and asked whether we had any information concerning it. He stated that no notes had been found by the Police Department and they were getting ready to close the case out. SA Gus Micek called Detective MANDELL back and advised him we had no information concerning this matter. Detective MANDELL reiterated that the police had found no notes.

On the afternoon of February 20, I advised Mr. L. B. Nichols of the Bureau of these telephone calls and of the article in Mr. WINCHELL's column. I advised him we were making no comment to the papers.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

Att.-1

AMB CTC

MR. SCHEIDT  
MR. BELMONT  
MR. WHEELAN  
MR. COOPER  
MR. GRIMES  
MR. KENNEDY  
MR. LEONARD  
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SAC, Baltimore

February 23, 1950

SAC, New York

JAHAM

In the February 22 edition of the New York Daily News there appeared in a column by DANTON WALKER information to the effect that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS had been approached by two of the leading Speakers Bureaus in New York City who offered him an opportunity to make a series of public addresses. In the February 22 edition of the New York Journal-American there appeared in a column written by DOROTHY NILGALLEN information to the effect that two of the leading national news magazines had offered WHITTAKER CHAMBERS an editorship in these magazines. As you will recall, Mr. CHAMBERS has indicated in the public press that he would not do anything in connection with his association with the two trials of ALGER HISS unless he had the sanction of Government authorities.

Although it is not believed that Mr. CHAMBERS will do anything to embarrass the Bureau or to hinder the Government's participation in the appeal of the ALGER HISS conviction, it is believed advisable that a rather close liaison be continued with Mr. CHAMBERS and that any offers of speaking assignments or other positions offered him be immediately communicated to the Bureau and to this office so that the United States Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York may be currently advised of any developments in this case until such time as disposition of the appeal has been made.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

New York, New York

February 21, 1950

MEMO

On the afternoon of February 20, Mr. Leo Laughlin of the Bureau called and requested that we secure a copy of the Atlantic Overseas Edition of "Time" magazine, issue of February 13, 1950. He requested that we send this to the attention of Mr. H. E. Fletcher at the Bureau.

SA Charles Donelan was requested to secure this magazine and send it to the Bureau.

A. H. BELMONT  
ASAC

AHB:CTC

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New York, New York

February 24, 1950

MEMO

RE: HEDE MASSING

While speaking to Mr. John McGuire of the Bureau, I advised him that the "New York Daily News" today states that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS and HEDE MASSING will appear on WABD Monday night, February 27, at 8:00 pm. I told him that the article states that this documentary, said to be the first of its kind in TV, will be a study of treachery and "what leads a man to treason".

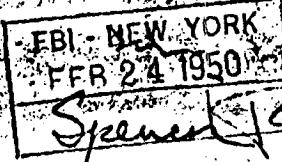
R. R. GRANVILLE  
Supervisor

cc - 65-14920 (Chambers) ✓

RRG:OTC

Feb 18 1950  
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W.M. MARSHALL BULLITT  
CHARLES I. DAWSON  
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LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

TELEPHONE  
JACKSON 1144

February 17, 1950

W.M.C. BULLITT (1783-1877)  
THOS. W. BULLITT (1838-1910)

Albert Tuohy, Esq.,  
F.B.I.,  
29th floor Federal Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York.

Dear Mr. Tuohy:

This is a partial answer to your inquiry:

1. A Manice de Forest Lockwood was of the Class of 1907 at Yale and his name appears in the New York Social Register for the years 1903, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1914, 1915, and 1917, as a member of the Calumet Club "absent", and for the intervening years I didn't take the trouble to look them up, so that presumably from 1903 to 1917 he appeared always merely Calumet Club "absent." On July 16, 1918, he was apparently a Lieutenant in the United States Army and on that day married one Mabel Farrington (daughter of a deceased William R. Farrington). Thereafter, his address as Mr. and Mrs. Manice de Forest Lockwood is given as follows: 1921, 570 Park Avenue; 1925, 36 East 81st Street; 1941, 36 East 81st Street; but my 1948 Social Register gives his address as 860 Park Avenue and the same in 1949 and 1950. I didn't think it necessary to look up each separate year by itself as I got you enough information for the different years and I presume that is enough for you.

2. There is a Manice de Forest Lockwood, III (evidently his son), noted as Yale 1944, registered in 1947 at 36 East 81st Street, 1948 as 860 Park Avenue; 1949 as 860 Park Avenue, and the same for 1950. FBI, NEW YORK FEB 18 1950 Spencer Y

Mr. Tuohy, #2

3. From the foregoing data you can safely rely on the fact that a Manice de Forest Lockwood belonged to the Class of 1907 at Yale; but there is a curious thing about that, as the name appears in 1903 - four years before his date of graduation at Yale as a member of the Calumet Club in New York and noted as "absent" from 1903 until 1917 inclusive. It is not easy to understand how a young fellow of 1907 at Yale could have been a member of the Calumet Club in 1903, which would have made him a member there at about the age of 17 or 18, unless he had a father of the same name, but even that doesn't work out very satisfactorily. The Union Club book gives the name of "Manice d'F. Lockwood, Jr." as elected to the Club April 14, 1948 and yet the Social Register gives his name (without the Junior) and as the same man who graduated from Yale in 1907 and belongs to the Union Club.

But I do not understand why he would call himself Junior when for many years he did not list himself as a Junior during the long period after 1903. As I am writing from Louisville, I can not easily get over the telephone some more data about him from the Club's records to find out whether the man you are looking for is the Yale 1907 man or the man of the same name of Yale 1944 who has himself listed as III or Third.

4. There are a good many Lockwoods in the Social Register for the past years. There is one listed as Hamilton d'F. Lockwood as of Harvard Class of 1890, which in the Social Register of 1902 has himself listed at 226 E. 15th Street, but his name in turn disappears, I think, after 1904. This may seem very confusing to you but it is the best that I can get you at this time. Your memorandum, however,

recites "Manice de F. Lockwood (who went on Hiss' \$10,000 bond) and Lockwood's wife, Agnes Carter Nelms, probably present or former employee of Carnegie Endowment." There is some trouble with that because, so far as the Social Register goes, Manice de Forest Lockwood married July 16, 1918 one Mabel G. Farrington to whom he is still married. On the other hand, if the man that went on Hiss' bond is his son or a different Manice de Forest Lockwood of Yale 1944, there is no evidence that he is married as far as I have any information about.

5. You asked about Ann Winslow. I will have to wait until I can get that from my friend in Washington and at the same time I will find out what I can about Agnes Carter Nelms. I am afraid you will think that I am not a very good investigator and that you will decline to employ me as an F.B.I. man when I get down to the point where I am struggling to get a job of some kind to earn my living!! However, I think I can get you some more about it pretty soon and I may be in New York next week, certainly the week after. Let me know if there is anything else I can do for you along that or any other line.

Faithfully yours,

*W. Marshall Battle*

WMB:P

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
New York, New York

March 2, 1950

MEMO

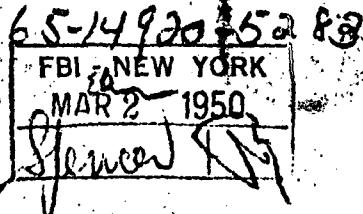
RE: JAHAM

On February 15, 1950, pursuant to a request of ASAC Belmont, I attempted to call WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE, Regent 4-3058, and in his absence spoke with his wife, who informed that she was familiar with Mr. WHITE's call to this office and desired to receive our reply to his inquiry. (WHITE had requested information as to where he could read the transcript of the HISS trial; the Baltimore depositions in the HISS-CHAMBERS libel suit, and the testimony taken before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.)

I advised Mrs. WHITE that with respect to the transcript of the trial, Mr. WHITE should contact either Mr. Donegan or Mr. Murphy; that it was my opinion that the Baltimore depositions were a matter of public record in the court clerk's office at Baltimore, and that the testimony before the House Committee had been published and was available to the public at \$1.00 a copy. Mrs. WHITE expressed her thanks for the information.

A. J. TUOHY  
Supervisor

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607 U. S. Court House  
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New York 7, N. Y.

March 7, 1950

Mr. William Marshall Bullitt  
Bullitt, Dawson and Tarrant  
Kentucky Home Life Building  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

In connection with your recent request, I am enclosing a copy of a report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, which sets forth the handwritten documents as well as the typewritten documents (Baltimore papers).

In your recent telephone conversation you indicated a desire to also have a copy of the known standards from the Hiss Woodstock typewriter. Although these standards were placed in evidence during the trial, they have not as yet been made a matter of public record and of course without Mr. Murphy's permission I could not see my way clear to forward them to you.

I trust that this will meet with your approval. I suggest that you return the enclosed report when it has served your purpose, as it is the only copy that I have in my files.

Very truly yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure

*air mail*

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March 3, 1950

Albert Tuohy, Esq.,  
29th Floor - Federal Building,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York,

Dear Mr. Tuohy:

When I got back from Philadelphia last night (Thursday night), I barely had time to get my bag from the Union Club and reach the airport to fly back to Louisville.

You were out, and I talked to Mr. Spencer. He has probably told you that I would like very much, if possible, to have temporarily photographic copies of the following exhibits in the Hiss case:

- (a) The four memoranda in Hiss' own handwriting, and which I believe are called No. 1, No. 2, No. 3 and No. 4;
- (b) Any one of the exhibits (except No. 10), which were admittedly written on the Hiss typewriter. A photographic copy of any one of that whole bunch of thirty or forty confidential documents that were written by Mrs. Hiss on her typewriter will be sufficient for my purpose. You may select any one that you think would be most interesting;
- (c) Either of the letters signed by Mrs. Hiss, written on the Hiss typewriter, one of which went to the University of Maryland (which I believe you call the Mercy Hospital letter) and the other one was written to the Maryland School, trying to get her Hobson son admitted to the School.

Mr. Spencer said he would speak to you about it, as it was beyond his province to pass on the question, lest there be some matter of propriety pending the appeal for anyone to have a copy of any one of the exhibits. As to that, I can only say that there

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is nothing confidential about the exhibits. They were introduced in a public trial, read in court, shown by the charts, and are public in the sense that in any murder trial, for example, any exhibits introduced are open to inspection — and, while the originals must be carefully preserved against any tampering pending an appeal, there is never any difficulty in getting a copy of them for the press, if they so desire.

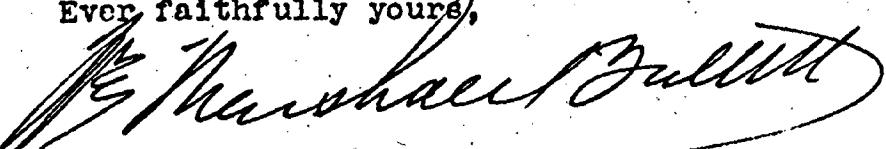
I am not going to, in any way, publish them, and the only reason I want them is so that I can more intelligently describe the conclusiveness of the proof shown by the typewritten copies and the comparison with standards that nailed Mrs. Hiss as the copyist, and Mr. Hiss with respect to the four memoranda as the only agency with his wife who could have passed them on to Chambers. If you could lend them to me temporarily, you can put any restrictions you please on my use of them.

If you do not have enough extra copies already on hand, perhaps you would be willing to have them photographed and send me a new photographic copy; and, of course, I will pay any costs there may be.

As I have got to get my talk ready by next Friday, my time is pretty limited. There will be present the members of the Salmagundi Club — which consists of about twenty members, and is a very old dining club which has been in existence for more than eighty years. In addition, I will have about fifteen or twenty of my warm personal friends, and I am going to explain to them all the true story of Hiss' guilt.

Ever faithfully yours,

WMB-LHJ



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March 3, 1950

WM. C. BULLITT (753-1877)  
THOS. W. BULLITT (1838-1810)

Albert Tuohy, Esq.,  
29th Floor - Federal Building,  
Foley Square,  
New York, New York,

Dear Mr. Tuohy:

I have just received the following additional information from the Secretary of the Carnegie Endowment:

Miss Agnese Carter Nelms is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College. She had been employed by the Near East College Association and the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, and came to the Carnegie Endowment thereafter; left the Endowment several months ago to be married; and, as you know, on January 2, 1950, at Houston, Texas, she married Mr. Manice De Forest Lockwood, Jr., who went on Mr. Hiss' \$10,000 bond pending the appeal.

I will have to find out just when she entered the Endowment's employment.

Miss Anne Winslow came to the Endowment in November, 1946 — which would be before Mr. Hiss was elected President on December 10, 1946, ~~but he knew he would be elected in December~~. She had previously done research and writing for the "Commission to Study the Organization of Peace" under the direction of Mr. Clark Eichelberger. Prior to that, she had had overseas duty with the United States Army as an Intelligence Officer. She is now Managing Editor of publications, working with Mr. Malcolm Davis, Executive Associate in the employ of the Carnegie Endowment.

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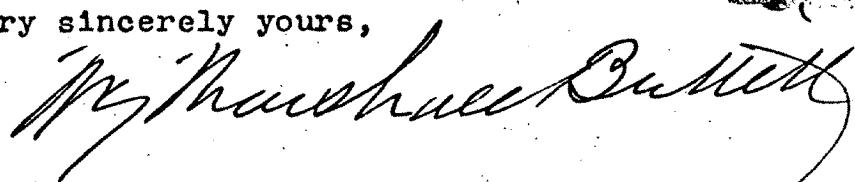
As I believe I telephoned you, both she and Miss Winslow, in some way, were close to, and very fond of, Mr. Hiss or Mrs. Hiss, or both — and the result of their desire was Mr. Lockwood went on the bond. I am also informed that they have been active in soliciting subscriptions to pay the Hiss expenses on appeal.

I also understand that Mr. Lockwood is now taking some kind of graduate course at Columbia University in mathematics, looking towards a degree, I suppose, of Doctor of Philosophy. At sometime before this he has had a very serious operation for sinus trouble. I am not sure whether he is now in New York or not.

I enclose my copy of "International Conciliation", No. 458, for February, 1950. It is an old and long-established monthly publication of important matters connected with international affairs. Look at the inside of the cover, where you will see Anne Winslow's name and the Preface is signed by her as Editor.

If this publication is of any use to you, you can keep it — otherwise return it to me at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,



WMB-LHJ

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Memo for file

Jaham

On 3/6/50 Nelson Grant, Staff writer for the World Telegram and Sun advised the writer that he had just finished reading Tashiro and Polidoro's book "Seeds of Reason" and recalled some information that might be of interest if we did not already possess this data.

He referred to that portion of the book relating to the Project venture of Video Sods and John Lassus. Sherman Grant stated that when he was on the W.P.A. Writers Project from 36 to 39 he became acquainted with Ruth Katz who had transferred from the W.P.A. Model Project Writers Project.

Grant related that Ruth Katz had been married to Lots and says it was his information that Katz wrote

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at least one trip to Europe  
with rods but was ~~ever~~  
unable to settle if this trip was  
the one made to Japan with  
Sherman or the trip subsequent  
to this.

According to Frank Katz this  
remarried and is presently living  
in Washington D.C. She is supposed  
to have a brother Oscar Katz that is  
or was employed in the public  
School system of New York City.

Frank declared that he might  
be able to determine Katz's present name  
and address if this would be of interest.  
He was requested to do so and  
unfortunately he would advise this  
office if he was able to secure this  
information.

Thos. M. Peacock

65-1-970

Pine Creek Farm,

Westminster, Mass.,

Mar. 11, 1950.

Dear Tom,

~~Bureau advised  
date for 3/15-3/17~~ An old friend has asked  
to talk with a couple of hundred  
officers of the ONI of the  
area. Very private, however.

Will it be possible on Mar. 16,  
therefore, to set up the letter surveillance  
job for Frank Johnson  
mentioned to me recently?  
B. E. C.

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WESTMINSTER,  
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Special Agent Tex Spence,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York, N. Y.  
Floor 24

607 U. S. Court House  
 Foley Square  
 New York, 7, New York

March 16, 1950

Mr. William M. Bullitt  
Bullitt, Dawson, Tarrant  
17th Floor  
Kentucky Home Life Building  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bullitt:

Your recent informative letters setting forth information concerning Manice De Forest Lockwood, Jr., Miss Anne Winslow, and Agnes Carter-Helms were very much appreciated.

I can tell from the contents that you went to some great lengths to secure this information for us and I want you to know it is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD SCHEIDT  
Special Agent in Charge

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New York 7, New York

March 21, 1950

SAC, San Francisco

Re: JAHAM  
PERJURY;  
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Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

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March 21, 1950

SAC, Los Angeles

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March 15, 1950

W.H. C. BULLITT (703-187) MCCHESNEY  
THOS. W. BULLITT (638-188) SUPERVISOR

Edward Scheidt, Esq.,  
Special Agent in Charge,  
607 U. S. Court House,  
Foley Square,  
New York 7, New York,

Dear Mr. Scheidt:

Many thanks for your kind letter of March 7, and I am herewith returning to you the copy of the Report of the Committee on Un-American Activities, dated December 31, 1948, with my very great thanks for your going to so much trouble for me.

I would like you to answer one question for me:

Are Exhibits 1-4 (which are reproduced in the Appendix to the Report, pages 13-16) the four sheets of paper that were in Hiss' own handwriting and which were referred to as having been dated and signed by him? I should think they were, judging from the Report (Page 4, Footnote 1), and yet I could not be sure, as they did not seem to be signed or dated in Hiss' handwriting.

Am I correct in assuming that the rest of the Exhibits, Nos. 5-117, include the thirty or forty Exhibits produced in the Baltimore depositions, and shown to have been written on the Hiss typewriter? I am confused on account of the numbering of the Exhibits, which does not seem to be the same numbering as referred to in Mr. Murphy's closing summation.

With much appreciation, and with kindest personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,  
Bullitt, Dawson & Tarrant  
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607 U. S. Court House  
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March 22, 1950

Mr. William Marshall Bullitt  
Kentucky Home Life Building  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Bullitt:

This will acknowledge your letter of March 15, 1950 in which you returned the second report of the Committee on Un-American Activities.

In answer to your question in the second paragraph of your letter, exhibits 1-4 were the four small sheets in the handwriting of Alger Hiss. These, of course, were not signed by Hiss but, as you will probably recall, he admitted in his testimony that the writing on these slips was actually his handwriting.

With reference to exhibits you referred to, "Nos. 5-117," these are in fact the so-called "Baltimore exhibits 5 through 47 except number 10," and consisted of the typewritten documents that were identified as having been written on the Hiss Woodstock typewriter.

The photographs of the exhibits appearing on pages 78 through 129 represent the third portion of the documentary evidence that is the so-called "pumpkin films." As you will recall, these were the two strips of developed film that were introduced at the trial.

I trust that this is a satisfactory answer to your inquiry.

Very truly yours,

*Edward Scheidt*  
EDWARD SCHEIDT,  
Special Agent in Charge

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New York, N. Y.  
March 24, 1950

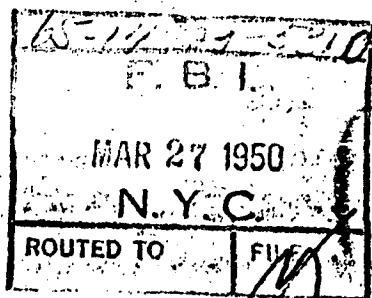
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Re: JAHAM

On March 16, 1950, I advised Mr. Belmont that AUSA Tom Murphy had informed us that information had reached him to the effect that the defense is having 200 copies of the record printed in instant matter. Murphy conjectures that they might intend selling these numerous surplus copies to endowed law schools or colleges to help defray expenses; that the cost of printing is running around \$10,000.

A. J. TUOHY,  
Special Agent

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To the Editors  
Public Relations Department  
General Conference of Jesus' Followers  
373 Riverside Drive  
New York 31, New York  
March 6, 1950

To the Editor  
the New York Times Magazine  
229 West 43 Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

Most of the letters commenting on Arthur Koestler's Hiss-Chambers article are very disquieting. Here are seemingly educated citizens who ought to be able to distinguish fact from prejudice. If not, our society is in a bad way. That is what is disquieting.

The facts of the Hiss case -- apparently unknown to most of these correspondents -- are these (as I got them from what I regard as the reliable columns of The New York Times):

Chambers was confessedly a Communist courier, relaying classified information to a foreign government. He claims he repented, that he came to feel he had done a grave disservice to his country and that his unrepentant former collaborators were continuing the disservice. He went as high in the councils of our government as he could; and told as much of his story (Communists in high place) as should have been necessary to put a stop to this. He says he thought that the rest of his story (espionage), would only have worked a gratuitous injury upon former friends.

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But one question remains to be considered. Hiss committed a self-serving perjury and was indicted, tried, and convicted. Chambers committed technical perjury, but it was not a self-serving perjury. It did no injury to his country, misguided though it was, it was done as part of a larger pattern in which this man, out of loyalty to truth and to his country, underwent what must have been the anticipated humiliation of having his earlier, unrepentant ways spread before the public, and -- which he must likewise have calculated -- the loss of his comfortable livelihood. Besides, he purged himself of his perjuries by his own voluntary admissions in the same forum -- the Grand Jury -- whereas Hiss clung to his. These subsequent admissions were, in fact, the only evidence there was of any perjury on his part.

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Sincerely,

James J. MacAulay

To the Editor  
The New York Times Magazine  
229 West 45 Street  
New York, New York

Public Relations  
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The Riverside Hotel  
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New York, N. Y.  
March 22, 1950

MEMO

Re: "SEEDS OF TREASON"

Inspector A. H. Belmont of the Bureau called at 5:45 P. M., 3/21/50 and stated that in WALTER WINCHELL's column for 3/20/50, there is a statement, as follows:-

"'Seeds of Treason', due about 4/7 (about HISS-CHAMBERS thing), will disclose that ex-Red courier (LIZ BENTLEY) once ducked G-men by dodging into the ladies' powder room of a department store and then calmly fled by another exit."

Mr. Belmont requested that we do what we ~~can~~ can to determine whether or not this statement is true. He pointed out that in the report of SA Thomas G. Spencer, New York, 12/5/45, in the SILVERMASTER case, on page 66, there is a statement to the effect that BENTLEY advised that JACOB GOLOS told her this was an appropriate method to shake a surveillance. Mr. Belmont stated, however, there was no information in that report or in any other report that she ever did use that method. Mr. Belmont requested that we call him back 3/22/50.

I called Inspector Belmont at 9:05 A. M., 3/22/50, and advised him that this office was able to obtain an advance copy of the aforementioned book; that on page 131, in a chapter entitled, "The Bentley Story", wherein BENTLEY's Washington contacts are being revealed, there appears the following pertinent paragraph:-

"As ELIZABETH BENTLEY grew more and more adept, she took pride in her skill as an operative -- 'I always allowed myself a good half hour before an appointment to go running in and out of department stores, places with two entrances, and into deserted streets where one can see what is going on, to be sure there was no one behind me..... When you took a taxicab, you got off a block or two before your destination, waited until the taxicab turned around, and then proceeded on foot.' Once when an FBI agent was on her trail, she ducked into the ladies' room of a department store, knowing he could not follow her, and calmly left by a second exit."

It would appear from the context that they were talking about a surveillance in Washington, D. C. There is no indication in the files of the New York Office that BENTLEY was ever followed in Washington. It is to be pointed out, however, that during the investigation of the

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GAIK OVAKIMIAN case, a surveillance of OVAKIMIAN led to the identity of JACOB GOLOS and subsequently to ELIZABETH BENTLEY when GOLOS and BENTLEY were making their headquarters in the offices of WORLD TOURISTS, INC., on Fifth Avenue, New York City. According to the surveillance logs of this case, BENTLEY, on two occasions, was surveilled after leaving WORLD TOURIST, INC., when she went to Penn Station and entered the ladies' rest room there, and the surveillance was lost. During the interrogation of Miss BENTLEY, she was asked about this particular situation and definitely recalled that, in accordance with instructions previously outlined by GOLOS, she had made a survey of the city and had found numerous places where she thought she could elude a surveillance if she thought she was being followed if she was on some assignment where she was to meet a courier or if she actually suspected a surveillance. She particularly recalled that the Penn Station Ladies' Room offered the best means of eluding a possible or actual surveillance. It is believed that this may be the incident that is being referred to in the foregoing paragraph of the story, "Seeds of Treason".

WILLIAM V. WHELAN, ASAC

RMW:MFB

New York, New York  
March 28, 1950

Re: LESTER MARK HUETTIG  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to the report of SA HAROLD F. DODGE, dated February 17, 1950 at Los Angeles, which reflected that Mr. MARK HUETTIG, an admitted Soviet espionage agent, now residing at 1940 Mandeville Canyon Road, Los Angeles, California, had made mention of an unknown subject named "CARL", whom he described as an assistant of Colonel BORIS BYKOV in the CHAMBERS espionage apparatus.

HUETTIG said that this individual named "CARL" was a sort of "handyman" for Colonel BORIS BYKOV and advised that he got the impression that "CARL" was an equal of BYKOV or that "CARL" would assume BYKOV'S duties in the event BYKOV went away. HUETTIG said further that he believes that "CARL" was the individual who gave him a Leica camera, including a portrait lens, tripod and case.

According to HUETTIG, this camera was given him to enable him to photograph at his home, for the espionage apparatus, headed by BYKOV, documents which he obtained from Remington Arms. It was HUETTIG'S recollection that "CARL" had been the person who came to HUETTIG'S home in Connecticut, during the period 1937-1938, to show HUETTIG how to operate the camera in taking pictures of the documents HUETTIG secured from Remington Arms for the espionage apparatus.

HUETTIG described "CARL" as follows:

Age: 25 to 35 (1937-1938) ✓  
Height: About 6 feet  
Weight: About 185 lbs.  
Hair: Does not recall  
Eyes: Does not recall  
Face: Muscular - that is not rat or piano  
Clothes: Normal American type  
Speech: Speaks English well  
Peculiarities: Recalls none

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(It is noted that the Los Angeles Office advised that Mrs. ROBERT BUSEY CHURCHILL, with aliases, who is the former wife of LESTER MARK HUETTIG and was associated with him in 1937-1938 in the same espionage activities, recalls this individual "CARL" but has the impression that "CARL" was German or of German descent).

Referenced report reflected that LESTER MARK HUETTIG furnished to agents of the Los Angeles Office the Leica Camera which HUETTIG believed he had received from unknown subject "CARL". The serial number of this camera had been defaced and HUETTIG stated that it was so defaced when he received it. This camera was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

Attention is drawn to FBI Laboratory report dated March 16, 1950, addressed to the Los Angeles Office, captioned "Mrs. ROBERT BUSEY CHURCHILL, was, INTERNAL SECURITY - R", "JAHAM, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R, INTERNAL SECURITY - R."

Said Laboratory report indicated that in connection with examination of the Leica Camera obtained from LESTER MARK HUETTIG, this camera was compared with certain film recovered along with other materials from the home of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN at Cambridge, New York, R.T.D. #2.

The Laboratory concluded that the 35 mm. film contained in two metal containers recovered from INSLERMAN'S home was originally exposed in the Leica Camera obtained by agents of the Los Angeles Office from LESTER MARK HUETTIG. Said film was described as follows:

Metal container for "Agfa loads for miniature cameras" 35 mm., fine grain superpan, Emulsion #353-127-18 with expiration date March 1939, containing 4 strips of Dupont 1835 Nitrate Panchromatic and 3 strips of Agfa FR 35 mm. film which had been exposed and developed.

The second container was described as:

Metal container for Dupont 35 mm. film for miniature cameras, micropan, Emulsion #103-18, expiration date August 1938, containing 2 strips of Dupont 2135 Nitrate Panchromatic, 1 strip Agfa FR and 2 strips Dupont 1835 Nitrate Panchromatic 35 mm. film exposed and developed.

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The above information contained in Laboratory report indicated either that FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN was the unknown subject "CARL" who taught HUETTIG how to photograph documents for the espionage apparatus and supplied HUETTIG with a Leica Camera, or else that FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN had used said Leica Camera for work for the espionage apparatus and had returned same to MIKOV prior to the time that HUETTIG commenced work for Colonel BYKOV and his espionage apparatus.

It is noted that referenced report reflects that LESTER MARK HUETTIG has examined various photographs including that of FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN, as shown to him by agents of the Los Angeles Office, but effected no identification of the photograph of INSLERMAN.

Inasmuch as FELIX AUGUST INSLERMAN is scheduled to return for an appearance before the Grand Jury, it is believed that the agent handling the INSLERMAN Case should discuss with the Special Assistant to the Attorney General T. J. DONEGAN, the above facts and should arrange that a photograph of HUETTIG would be available to Mr. DONEGAN in order that he might show same to INSLERMAN before the Grand Jury.

JAMES P. MARTIN, SA

New York, New York  
April 5, 1950

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM

Mrs. L. M. BOUTWELL, 11 Metropolitan Oval, Apartment 7H, Parkchester, was interviewed on March 30, 1950 in connection with an AEAA investigation being conducted concerning Dr. DONALD ALEXANDER FLANDERS (116-18703).

It is noted that ALGER and PRISCILLA HISS both testified during the second Hiss trial that they were at Dr. FLANDERS' farm in Chappaqua, New York during the period immediately following Christmas of 1936. Mrs. BOUTWELL telephonically contacted Supervisor TUOHY during the trial and volunteered some information concerning residents of Chappaqua.

Mrs. BOUTWELL stated she is a former lecturer for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue and 82nd Street, New York City, and resided in Chappaqua prior to 1928. She was unable to furnish any pertinent information concerning the HISS' visit to Chappaqua during the above period, but is of the opinion that Dr. and Mrs. FLANDERS were residing on a farm at Chappaqua during this period. It is her opinion that Dr. and Mrs. FLANDERS moved to Chappaqua about 1934 upon the death of RUTH MURRAY, sister of Mrs. FLANDERS, and resided there for three or four years. She furnished the following background information concerning the MURRAY family:

ROBERTA MURRAY FRANSLER, former wife of THOMAS FRANSLER, brother of PRISCILLA HISS, employed at Metropolitan Museum of Art from 1930 to 1945. In early 1930's she announced to staff at Metropolitan Museum that she was a Communist and thereafter brought employees of the "Daily Worker" to the Museum and conducted personal tours for them. She married THOMAS FRANSLER and later divorced him because of his irresponsibility. She remarried a Mr. ALFRED and is believed to be employed at the Providence School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island.

SARAH MURRAY FLANDERS married DONALD FLANDERS, Professor at New York University, resided in New York City and at Chappaqua until recent years. FLANDERS lived in slum neighborhood in New York City and practiced

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uncleanliness and unconventionalities while living in New York City.

HARRIET MURRAY BUSSELLE, now deceased, wife of ALFRED BUSSELLE, 220 East 36th Street, an architect. BUSSELLE is a person described by Mrs. BOUTWELL as reliable. Mrs. BOUTWELL mentioned the following former friends of the MURRAY family who possibly knew the HISS' and who would be cooperative:

Mrs. JOHN COX, now residing at 4009 East 129th Street, Indianapolis 1, Indiana, a family friend and neighbor of the THOMAS FRANSLER'S at 51 East 97th Street, New York City, in 1936 and 1937. It is noted that BUSSELLE and ALGER HISS testified they were at the FRANSLER home during Christmas of 1936.

Mrs. JOHN (HOPE) LEFFERTS, Halesite, Long Island, daughter of Mrs. COX, formerly a close friend of SARAH and ROBERTA MURRAY.

Mrs. BOUTWELL asked that her name not be used should any of the above mentioned persons be contacted.

RAYMOND A. MULLINS, SA

NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
APRIL 10, 1950

MEMO:

RE: JAHAM

In recent publicity given to the disbarment of ALGER HISS, it was noted in one of the press releases that he made a statement from "his offices at 150 Broadway". The writer checked the directory at this address and it was noted that the law firm of Lindau, Robbins, Buttenweiser and Backer, Attorneys, were located in Room 1510 (telephone DIGby 9-2363) of this building. In view of the fact that Mrs. Buttenweiser was one of ALGER HISS' counsel during the second trial, it is believed that he probably made this release from the above mentioned office.

THOMAS G. SPENCER,  
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During an interview on another matter, JACOB BAKER, President of Econometrics Institute, 2 East 63rd Street, New York City, advised that he had been asked by the present Defense Counsel for ALGER HISS concerning any information he might have regarding WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

BAKER explained that he is one of the directors of a health insurance group and explained that a Mr. BESS, one of the attorneys in the same, retained by ALGER HISS since his conviction, is also a director in the same health insurance group. BAKER said that after a meeting of this health insurance group, BESS spoke to BAKER and inquired if BAKER had any information in his possession concerning WHITTAKER CHAMBERS. BAKER stated that he had told Mr. BESS that the FBI had asked him about ALGER HISS and that he had told the FBI, prior to the recent trial, that he had no direct information on ALGER HISS, and he told Mr. BESS that he would have to tell him the same thing in regard to WHITTAKER CHAMBERS.

BAKER said that he then inquired of BESS as to whether he desired to use this information for purposes in the appeal which is to be filed. He said that BESS told him that the new Defense Counsel for ALGER HISS was engaged in trying to secure new information to be of assistance in a third trial that they hoped would be held in the future. BESS indicated to BAKER that the present Defense Counsel for ALGER HISS feels very confident that they will be successful in securing a new trial for HISS inasmuch as he feels HISS had good material to justify a successful appeal. BESS did not elaborate on this alleged material for appeal but did tell BAKER that if the appeal is successful, a new trial for ALGER HISS would be based on the statement made by HISS prior to sentencing to the effect that ALGER HISS would some day prove that WHITTAKER CHAMBERS committed "forgery by typewriter."

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BAKER said that BEPS had given no information that would indicate how the Defense Counsel could support such a contention in a new trial, but BAKER said that he desired to make this information known to this office for any value it might possess.

The above is set out for information purposes only.

JAMES P. MARTIN, SA